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Boxing with all its seriousness has its interludes in which humor takes its bow. You'll get your laughs when you read, "Superstitions and Wisecracks," by Right Cross.

The fighters have had the spotlight turned on them in our annual ratings. The promoters have already had their share of national publicity. How about the managers? How do they rate? You'll get an eyeful when you read about, "The outstanding managers," by Lester Bromberg.

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FIGHTER of YEAR AWARD MADE to BILLY CONN

By NAT FLEISCHER

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THE RING MAGAZINE takes special pride in presenting its sixteenth annual ranking of the boxers of the world. It feels particularly elated because of the skill, sportsmanship and attractiveness embodied in the large group of fighters listed; in the tremendous public interest implied of ranking. THE RING herewith presents the men whom it honors as the 1940 leaders in their various divisions:—

Before going into details concerned with the method of ranking, THE RING presents the men whom it honors as the 1940 leaders in their various divisions:—

Heavyweight—Joe Louis, of Detroit.
Light-heavyweight—Billy Conn, of Pittsburgh.
Middleweight—Ken Overlin, of Washington, D. C.
Welterweight—Fritzie Zivic, of Pittsburgh.
Lightweight—Lew Jenkins, of Sweetwater, Texas.
Featherweight—Harry Jeffra, of Baltimore.
Bantamweight—Tony Olivera, of Oakland, Cal.
Flyweight—Jackie Paterson, of Scotland.

Before we discuss the features of this set of ratings, let us examine the list for 1939. At that time we honored Louis as tops among the heavies; Conn as the No. 1 man among the light-heavies; Ceferino Garcia and Al Hostak splitting the middleweight leadership; Henry Armstrong as the welter king; Lew Ambers setting the pace for the lightweights; Joey Archibald for the featherers; Sixto Escobar, bantams; and Little Dado, flyweights.

Thus the repeaters are Louis and Conn—and nobody else. That the 1940 rankings present six new leaders—six men topping each of the classifications under the light-heavyweight—is a mark of great progress. In the ring, mortality of leaders means action, rivalry and competition.

Never before since the practice of ranking the fighters was started by THE RING in 1925 was there so big a turnover among the leaders. To those who keep yammering that the game is not as intriguing as it used to be; to those who keep yapping about "the good old days" and tell us that boxing went bad when Jack Dempsey lost the title; to those who think boxing is slipping, we present this startling and significant fact—that only Louis and Conn were able to withstand the rigors of a year's competition.

This fact, THE RING believes, really transcends the developments of the rankings in so far as they concern any one man.

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EXAMINING the ratings compiled by THE RING, we find that Louis, Conn, Overlin and Zivic are quite generally accepted as the leaders of their respective divisions, even though Overlin is not the universally recognized world champion, as are the others. In presenting these men as the standouts of their divisions, THE RING lays claim to no prescience or special virtue.

Max Baer, leading heavyweight contender.

However, once we get among the lightweights, we run into diversity of opinion, and there THE RING begins to stress the necessity for expert, unbiased, calm consideration of technical essentials.

In the lightweight class, the N.B.A. insists on calling Sammy Angott, of Pittsburgh, the champion. THE RING wishes to take sharp exception.

The fact remains that Jenkins took the title from Lew Ambers, and trying to drag anybody else into the Number One spot merely confuses the fans, confounds a lot of the experts, and is by no means just.

In the featherweight division, the N.B.A. again goes off on a tangent and attempts to tell us that Petey Scalzo, a good fighter, is the leader. Jeffra beat Joey Archibald, the international cham-

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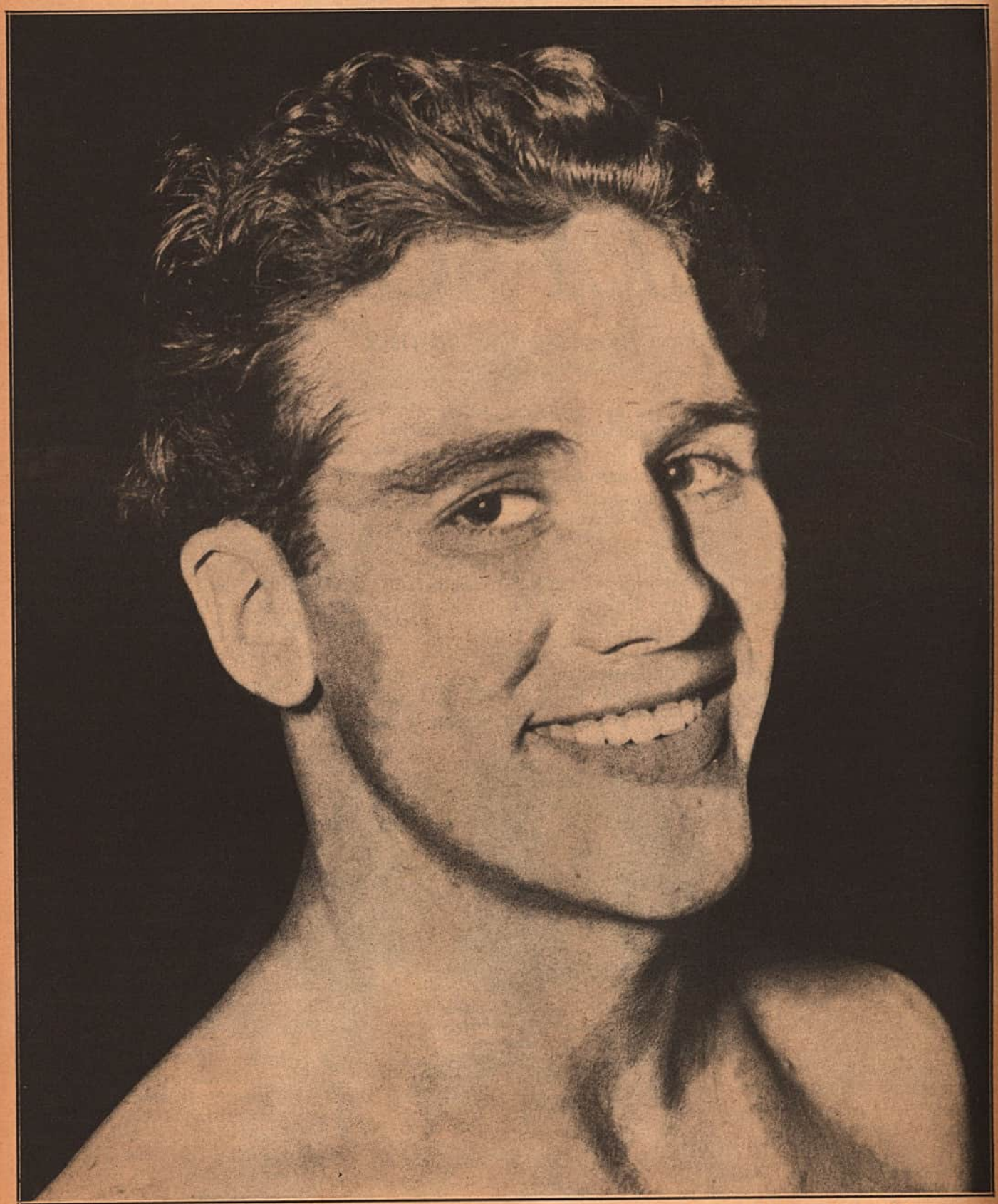
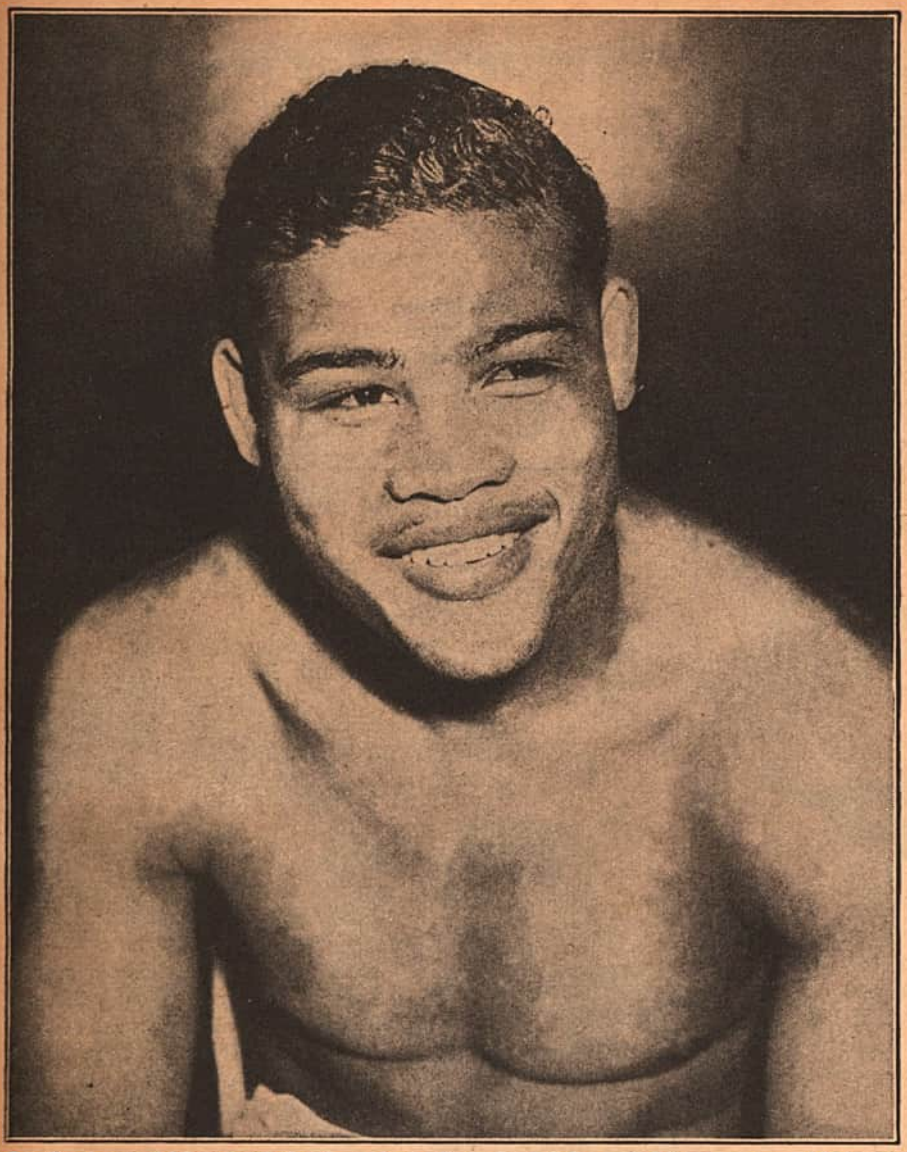


Billy Conn, the outstanding fighter of the year. The world light-heavyweight champion, who proved his worth in the heavyweight division and gained recognition as a contender.

pion, and then retained the honors against Spider Armstrong. Once again, the N.B.A. is not supported by facts.

In the bantam section, the N.B.A. gets the support of the sometimes not infallible New York Commission in presenting Lou Salica as tops, over Olivera. THE RING takes the stand that the title is vacant. Olivera won from Salica at 118 pounds—and until Salica reverses that, he cannot get the No. 1 spot.

Reaching down among the flyweights, THE RING ranking gives



Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, whose four defenses of his crown enabled him to add to his record. He still rates the best of all fighters.

us Jackie Paterson of Scotland because he is the best man of his weight in the world. The N.B.A. lists Little Dado, and seems to have forgotten that they still have fighters over on the other side.

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THE RING wishes to point out that it has not failed to give No. 1 recognition to a single boxer whose claims to a world championship are clear. THE RING does not recognize the existence of a world champion in the middleweight, bantamweight and flyweight divisions.

THE RING asks Overlin to fight Tony Zale, and Zale to consent to this match for the title, for THE RING belt. Meanwhile THE RING will have none of Overlin or Zale as the champion.

In the bantamweight section, THE RING demands that Olivera and Salica fight it out for the championship. In ranking Olivera, it does not call him the champion any more than it gives a title standing to Overlin. Please get that clear. He is simply our ranking bantam.

In the flyweight classification, THE RING asks that Little Dado fight Little Pancho for the American title. However, with Paterson, who is in service, unable to meet Dado or Pancho either here or abroad, the world title will have to be held in abeyance until Paterson can get into the scramble, or he decides to hang up his gloves. THE RING does not intend to convey the impression that it recognizes Paterson as the world champion. There is no world title holder.

AT this point, it would be well to say a few words about the method of compiling THE RING's rankings.

As in other years, THE RING asked a board of some 200 men—sports writers and RING correspondents from all parts of the country, to help in making the listings. From them, we obtained, as in the past, the first five men in each division. Some sent in only two or three. Of those who were asked to submit ratings, 168 answered. The five selected by each of those, were tallied on a point system of five, four, three, two and one point, according to the order in which each was named.

That, plus the concensus of THE RING's own staff members, gave the basis for our first five choices. Those listed beyond that, are THE RING's—that of Eddie Borden and myself—based on a review of the record of all fighters, not for any month or recent period, but on the entire year.

Before taking up the ratings in detail, THE RING desires to emphasize the fact that they were compiled strictly on what the 1,121 fighters considered did during the year 1940. Of those checked, we have rated a total of 785 world boxers.

It is not for the compilers to luxuriate in thoughts about what the boxers ranked might have done; about what they may do in 1941. Nor did the rankers go by what the boxers did in 1939.

The writer especially is eager to make this point clear, as sometimes the rankings of THE RING are subjected to criticism because the critics fail to get this point clear.

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THE 1940 rankings were made on the basis of work done in 1940—and on that basis alone. In considering them, please do not trust your memory too far on dates of fights. Often a battle you are quite sure took place in 1940 was contested in 1939. If it was, it gets no consideration in this listing. In making our listing, we had the full record of every fighter considered, right before our eyes. There was no guess work. His card told the tale.

In 1939, THE RING called Joe Louis the fighter of the year. This time he comes up for re-election—and he is beaten. True, Louis knocked out Johnny Paychek, a feat of doubtful merit. True, Louis stopped Arturo Godoy in their return engagement, in the eighth round. But in their first fight, Godoy lasted the limit of 15 heats, and made Joe look rather foolish, if not downright abashed.

THE RING calls Billy Conn the FIGHTER OF THE YEAR for 1940. The board of 168 scribes picked Conn, with 57 votes. He is the choice of writers from all parts of our country, Canada and Cuba, who participated.

The board felt that in knocking out Bob Pastor and whipping Lee Savold decisively—that in his double triumph over heavier men—Conn showed himself to be one of the great 175 pounders of the generation. Not only that. Conn helped to perk up the game—more than Louis did with his three fights. Here is how the experts rated the fighters for THE RING's 1940 Award of Merit:—

Billy Conn, world light-heavyweight champion,	**57 votes**
Max Baer, California heavyweight,	**36 votes**
Henry Armstrong, former triple world champion,	**26 votes**
Ken Overlin, N. Y. State middleweight champion,	**21 votes**
Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion,	**17 votes**
Fritzie Zivic, world welterweight champion,	**11 votes**

Arturo Godoy of Chile, who heads Group No. 3 as the third outstanding contender.

It will be seen that Louis, three times winner of the highest award that boxing can bestow, took a tremendous drop with only 17 votes out of a total of 168. The big surprise came in the support that Max Baer received. His two thrilling knockouts apparently were considered by the board as having accomplished much for boxing in that they aroused a new interest, and brought the sport out of the depths to a revival. Prior to those knockouts boxing was at low ebb and Baer is to be given the bulk of the credit for bringing it back with a bang.

The close contest between Armstrong and Overlin, showed that despite Henry's loss of the welter crown, the last of the three he owned, those who follow the sport closely realize that Henry's many defenses of his title, and the fact that in defeat he was far greater than are many champions in victory, were taken into consideration.

It is interesting at this point to note that in awarding the Edward J. Neil Memorial Trophy, the boxing writers of New York gave the honor to Armstrong. It is taken for granted that Louis and Conn figured high in the New York voting, though the award was made unanimous.

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GOING over the outstanding developments in boxing in 1940, THE RING believes that they should be listed in this order of importance and interest:—

1—The growth of Billy Conn into a contender for the world's heavyweight championship, with a fine triumph over Bob Pastor and a clean cut victory over Lee Savold. Meanwhile, Conn held his supremacy among the light-heavies by beating Gus Lesnevich in a defense of the crown.

2—Joe Louis' four defenses of his world heavyweight crown, to equal his record of last year, and to set a record for title defenses to twelve.

Outstanding Prospects Produced by 1940

HERE are the fighters who, on the basis of their achievements in 1940, look like the best prospects for 1941:—

Heavyweights—Pat Valentino, Carl Vinciquerra.
Light-heavyweights — Jimmy Webb, Tommy Tucker.
Middleweights—Tami Mauriello, Coley Welch.
Welterweights—Mike Kaplan, Maxie Berger.
Lightweights — Bob Montgomery, Dave Castilloux.
Featherweights—Billy Speary, Joe Marinelli.
Bantamweights—Freddy Pope, Tommy Forte.

3—The record number of championship fights in which an internationally recognized world title holder placed his crown at stake. The bouts were: Joe Louis vs. Arturo Godoy, twice; Johnny Paychek and Al McCoy.

Billy Conn vs. Gus Lesnevich.

Henry Armstrong vs. Joe Ghnouly, Pedro Montanez, Paul Junior, Ralph Zannelli, Paul Junior, Phil Furr, Fritzie Zivic.

Lou Ambers vs. Lew Jenkins.

Lew Jenkins vs. Pete Lello.

Joey Archibald vs. Harry Jeffra.

Jeffra vs. Spider Armstrong.

In these title contests, Armstrong lost the welter crown to Zivic; Ambers dropped the lightweight title to Jenkins and Archibald lost his feather crown to Jeffra.

4—Sensational knockouts scored by Max Baer over Tony Galento and Pat Comiskey; those of Jenkins over Chino Alvarez, Tippy Larkin, Pete Lello and Lou Ambers; Steve Belloise's knockouts of Irish Eddie Dunne, Vic Dellicurti and Wicky Harkins.

The knockout of Alvarez in 3 seconds of actual fighting and that of Willie Joyce over George Morelia in 2 seconds of actual fighting, set the year's record for quick kayos.

5—The rise of many youngsters to prominent places in the middleweight and welterweight divisions.

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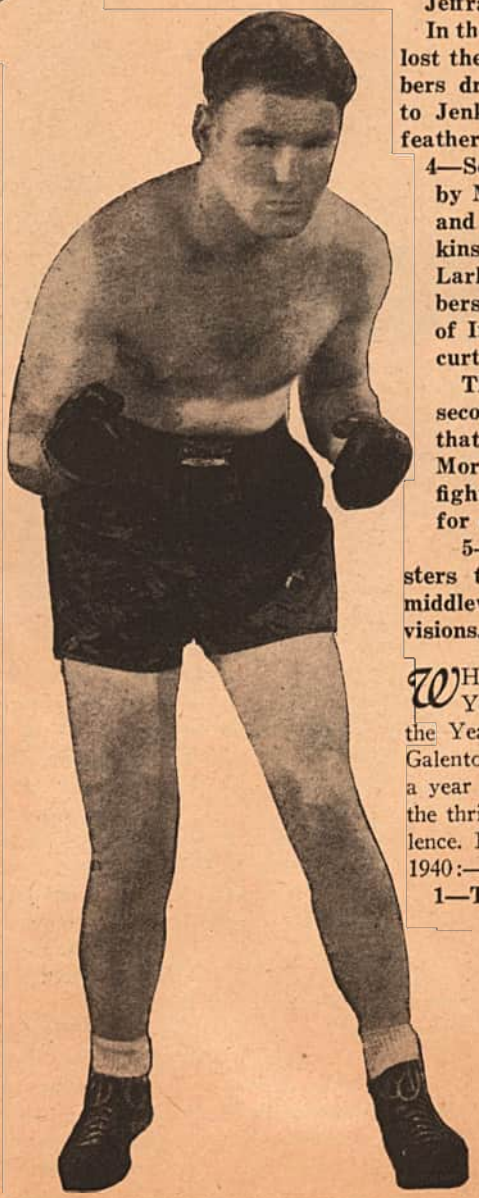
WHILE Conn is the Fighter of the Year, Max Baer is the Thrill of the Year. Maxie's knockout of Tony Galento produced the biggest kick in a year of ring competition. Baer was the thrill producer of 1940, par excellence. Here are the standout bests of 1940:—

1—The big thrill—Max Baer's knockout victory over Tony Galento, and the big thriller, the former champion, Baer.

2—The biggest gate of the year—$149,505.80, for the Louis-Godoy return



Red Burman, who as the fourth ranking contender has earned a shot at Joe Louis' crown.

Buddy Baer, who rates below Burman in Group 3.

fight in New York.

3—The year's foulest fight—Between Fritzie Zivic and Al Davis in which Al hit low nine times and was disqualified and had his license revoked.

4—The most dramatic finish—The final round of Henry Armstrong against Fritzie Zivic.

5—The year's most promising fighters—Billy Conn and Tami Mauriello.

6—The fighter who made most progress during the year—Steve Belloise.

7—The year's roughest fight—Between Davis and Zivic.

8—Year's best comeback fighter—Max Baer.

9—The year's best comeback in a fight—Ken Overlin, in his bout with Steve Belloise in which he pulled the chestnuts out of the fire after being far outclassed in the earlier rounds.

10—The year's greatest flop—Pat Comiskey in his knockout by Max Baer.

11—The most knockdowns in one fight—Scored by Phil Furr against Steve Mamakos, 10 times.

12—Outstanding knockout artist of the year—Lew Jenkins.

13—The year's chief individual money maker—Joe Louis.

14—The most sensational knockout—That of Lou Ambers by Jenkins, that caused a title to change hands.

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REGARDLESS of what the public might think about the chances of Conn against Louis in a fight for the heavyweight crown, The Ring considers Conn one of the outstanding challengers. In a rating such as this, we cannot and are not interested in determining how far a challenger can go against the field's leader. All we are interested in, is how far he has progressed during the year to make him stand out.

In such an analysis, we have decided in no uncertain terms that Conn fits into the picture. The Ring realizes that the heavyweights of today are not the greatest lot, and from that group must be chosen the men who are to be rated as Louis' challengers.

From that group, there can be no doubt that Baer, who so sensationally beat into submission both Tony Galento and Pat Comiskey, the former in eight rounds and Pat in one, stands out above the rest of his rivals. If Max were willing to give up his theatrical work and adhere strictly to the business of fighting, he alone, might possibly have a chance to dethrone Louis.

Unfortunately Baer refuses to do that. He first wants to try his hand in the theatre and when that job is complete, he says he is willing to meet Louis in a return engagement. Mike Jacobs, who would be the promoter of such a contest, insists that Baer won't consent to another Louis meeting and has turned down other contests offered him, one with Conn, for example, and therefore says Uncle Mike, Baer should be eliminated from further consideration. The Ring staff disagrees with Jacobs.

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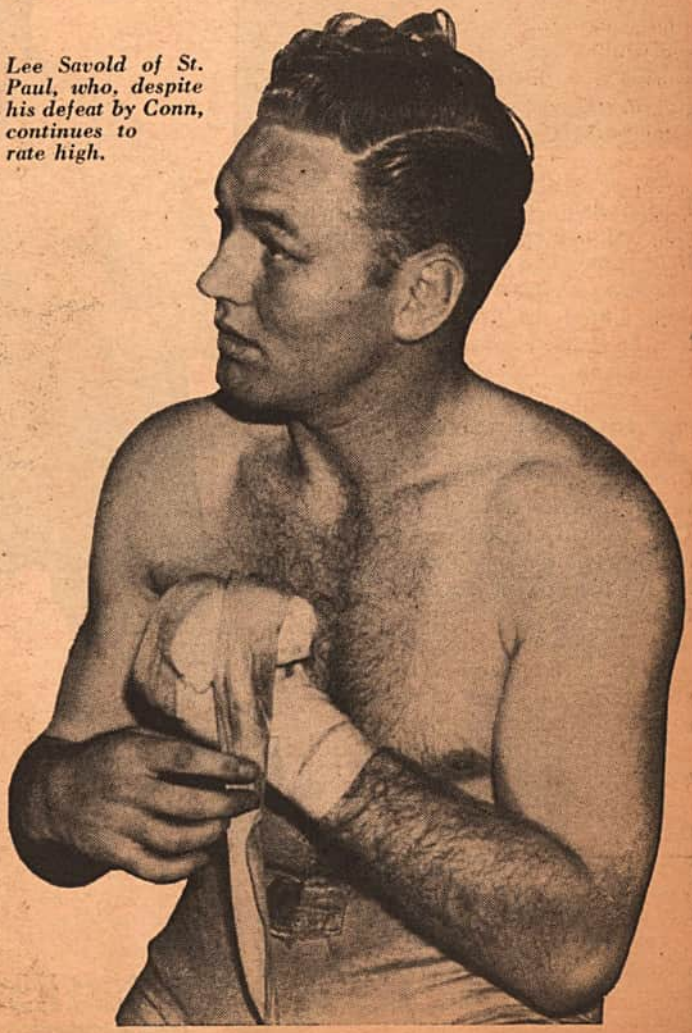
REGARDLESS of Baer's attitude at this time, he did more to lift boxing out of a sad state in the early part of the year by his sensational knockout of two outstanding heavyweight threats—Galento and Comiskey, than any other man and by his feat, earned the first challenger's post.

None of the victories scored by Conn nor those of Joe Louis, aroused such widespread comment and helped to bring out boxing headlines, as did Baer's two triumphs. Take Louis' bouts, for example—those with Arturo Godoy and with Paychek, did little to enthuse the public. Godoy, by his acrobatic stunts, remained on his feet for fifteen rounds in their first engagement, then was halted, a sorry mess, in eight sessions in the return bout. As for the Paychek mill, it was too sad an affair to review comment here. Likewise his defeat of Al McGoy a few weeks ago in Boston.

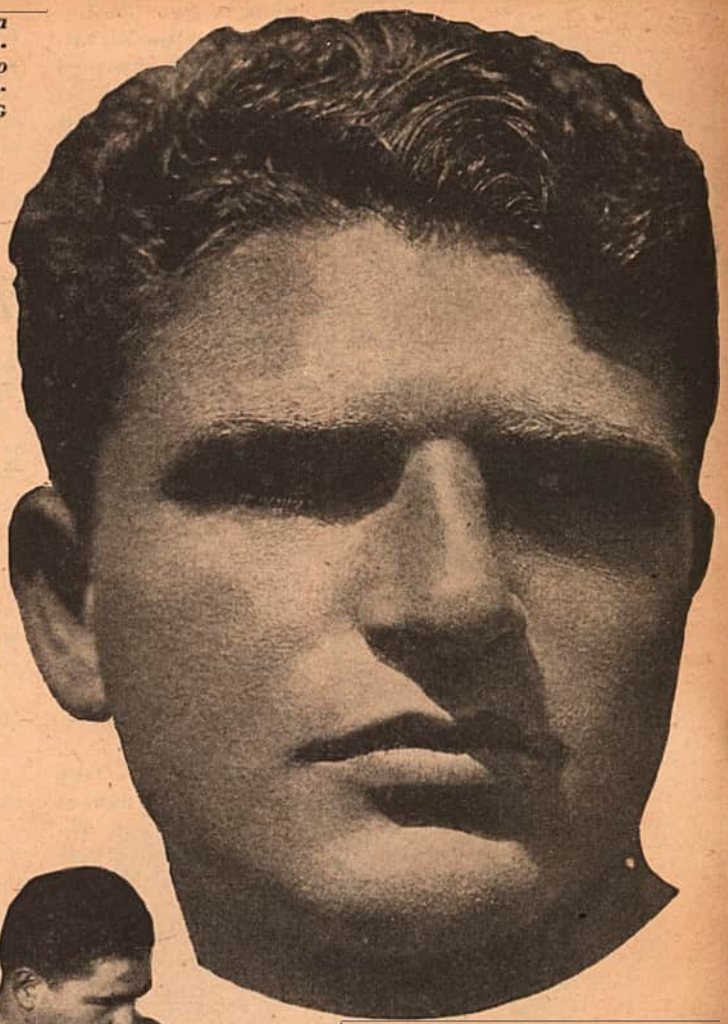
Now take the record of Conn in comparison to that of Baer. He started the year with a twelve round victory over Henry Cooper, an ordinary heavyweight. Then he tackled Gus Lesnevich in a light-heavyweight bout in Detroit, and that contest went the limit.

Bob Pastor was next in line, and the New Yorker was stopped in 13 rounds, Conn's best performance. Following came the contests with Al McCoy, in Boston, a ten rounder, and Lee Savold in New York, twelve rounds, and those were won by decisions.

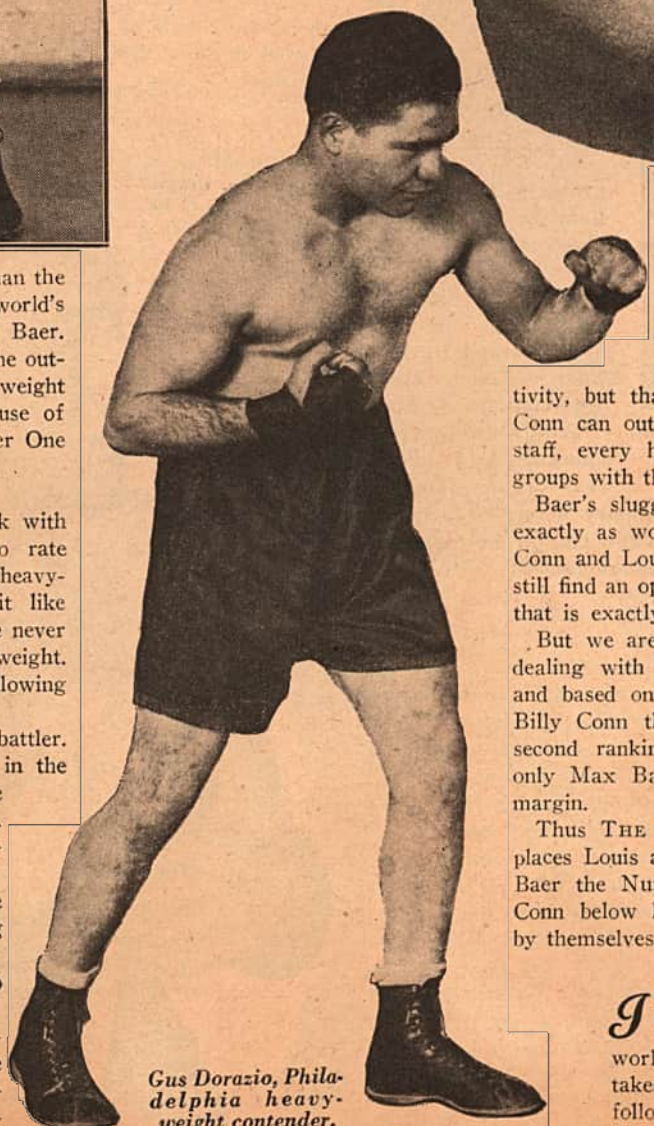
Lee Savold of St. Paul, who, despite his defeat by Conn, continues to rate high.



Buddy Walker, a heavyweight menace from Ohio, who received high honors by THE RING *Board.*



Lou Nova, who is the last man in Group 3.



Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia heavyweight contender.

In none of those bouts other than the Pastor fight, did Billy, the world's cleverest fighter, impress as did Baer. Baer in only two contests, gave the outstanding performance in the heavyweight rank during the year and because of this, he stands out as the Number One Contender.

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THERE are many who look with sympathy upon those who rate Conn among the challengers for heavyweight honors. Billy cannot hit like Baer, Louis or even Burman. He never may grow into a bona fide heavyweight. But on his side, we have the following facts:—

1—He is a most courageous battler.

2—He is the cleverest boxer in the game today, an asset that must be counted high when listing battlers.

3—He can take a punch without whimpering.

4—He is fast and can befuddle the best of fighters by stabbing the face with stiff jabs.

5—He is rangy and can sew up an opponent.

Taking these assets into consideration, we cannot ignore the fact that Conn fits into the picture as a challenger, as heavyweights go today. It is my prediction that he won't last long against Louis' powerful wallop, and that defeat by the Bomber, may forever ruin the career of the classiest boxer in captivity, but that again doesn't alter the fact that Conn can outpoint, in the opinion of THE RING staff, every heavyweight listed in our first two groups with the possible exception of Baer.

Baer's slugging would offset Conn's cleverness, exactly as would be the case in a fight between Conn and Louis. Baer could take Conn's jabs and still find an opportunity to land the haymaker, and that is exactly what I predict would happen.

But we are not dealing with futures. We are dealing with the past—one year's ring activity, and based on that work, no one can take from Billy Conn the honor he has won—that of the second ranking heavyweight under Louis, with only Max Baer being ahead of him by a small margin.

Thus THE RING, based on the above analysis, places Louis all by himself in Group No. 1, with Baer the Number One man in Group Two and Conn below him, these two constituting a class by themselves in the runner-up post.

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IN Group Three, Arturo Godoy, by virtue of going the route with the world champion in his first engagement, takes precedence over Red Burman, who follows him. While Godoy fought only

Tommy Farr of England, who, though inactive, remains in select circle.

four times, Gus Dorazio and Johnny Musto being his third and fourth opponents, the men he fought were of better caliber than those who faced Burman. Godoy beat Gus Dorazio in ten rounds, the Philadelphian being our eighth ranking heavyweight, while Burman, in five victories, failed to clash with one outstanding heavyweight.

It wasn't Red's fault, however, that he didn't mix with the leaders. He tried hard enough to get them into line. Louis, Godoy, Dorazio, Conn, Savold, Buddy and Max Baer and Nova were asked to face Burman, but turned the other way. Red was willing, but he couldn't get those named to face him. Not that Red is a great fighter. He is simply a courageous battler who doesn't know the word quit, a rough, tough heavyweight of the old school, and as such, those controlling the interests of the leaders, didn't think Burman fit into their plans.

However, now that the field of attractive opposition has dwindled down to almost zero, Burman has been matched with Louis for Madison Square Garden for January 31. He will undoubtedly go the way of others—who have faced Louis, but who is there in our ranking who at this writing won't be sent to the cleaners by the Brown Bomber?

Burman's victories for 1940 include the knockout of Dominic Ceccarelli, two rounds; Billy Mickel, one round; Jack Wofford, four, and decisions in ten rounds over Steve Dudas and Tony Musto.

Buddy Baer had only two fights. He stopped Nathan Mann in seven and Valentin Campolo in one, and those victories entitled him to the spot below Burman. Had Lee Savold put up a better performance against Conn, even though defeated, he would have earned the place occupied by Buddy, but because of his mediocre performance, Lee lost his chance.

Next to Savold comes Buddy Walker of Columbus, Ohio, who made rapid strides. Buddy engaged in 19 fights and didn't lose one. He fought three draws and scored nine knockouts. He beat among others, Eddie Simms, three times; Jack Trammell, Johnny Withers, twice and Tony Musto. He knocked out Chuck Crowell and Bill Boyd.

Tommy Farr has been inactive. Because of the war, he has fought only once. He stopped Zachy Nicholas in three rounds. But Lou Nova, another outstanding fighter of the previous year, likewise has been on the side lines. He only recently returned to the game with a five rounds knockout of Johnny Erjavec, hence to Gus Dorazio, the Philadelphian who fought nine times and lost only one bout, goes the sixth post in Group 3, with Farr and Nova following.

Dorazio lost only to Godoy, a ten rounder. He beat Herbie Katz twice, Bobby Jones, Bill Boyd, Al McCoy, Harry Bobo and Joe Barr and stopped Joe Wagner.

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THE light-heavyweight division has been a disappointing one. Perhaps if there were better opposition for the champion, Billy Conn might have been more active in his own division. He is the class of the crew and as such, rates the highest post we can offer, by himself in Group One.

When Billy defeated Gus Lesnevich in Detroit in fifteen rounds, he had a tough time of it. It wasn't all gravy. Gus lost also to Al Delaney, but won easily from Dave Clark, who at the time stood as the ranking light-heavy contender, gained a ten rounds decision over Wally Sears and stopped Henry Cooper in five, his best performance. He is our No. One man in Group 2, the chief contender.

Melio Bettina, former claimant to the title, likewise lost two bouts, one to Apostoli in 12 and to Al McCoy in 10, but he stopped Apostoli in a return bout in 12, scored in ten over Joe O'Gatty and in ten over Gunnar Barlund and that record entitles him to second choice. Both Melio and Gus may fight only as heavyweights in 1941, but on last year's work, they rate among the light-heavies.

The class of the division, other than Conn, is the St. Louis clouter, Jimmy Webb. Jimmy went through the season without a defeat, but unfortunately, didn't meet the hard competition of Lesnevich and Bettina. For that reason he is placed third but at this writing he looks like Conn's successor—the best prospect for the New Year in his division.

Jimmy's best performance was his victory over the highly rated Tommy Tucker in eight rounds, after taking the measure of Joe Baynes via the kayo route in four; Willie Pavlovich, Irv Sarlin, Johnny Kapovich, twice; Jack Darcy, Jimmy Smith by a knockout in one and Ira Hughes, by kayo in six. He also fought a six rounds draw with Stan Hasrato.

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TEDDY YAROSZ, former claimant to middleweight honors, has been doing well as a light-heavyweight. He earned our fourth place in the contenders' group, with five victories in six starts, his loss to Turkey Thompson in ten, being his only setback. He beat Nate Bolden, Willie Muldune, Jimmy Reeves, Bud Mignault and Lloyd Marshall.

One of the most promising of all light-heavies, a fighter with a clout and plenty of heart, is Anton Christoforidis of Greece, who with Tucker, completes our group. Anton went through the season with only one defeat, the loss of his first fight with Jimmy Bivins whom he later took into camp. Anton beat Willie Pavlovich, Frank Zamoris, George Burnette, Jimmy Burns via the k.o. route in five; Joe Sutka, Tony Bruno, Jimmy Bivins and Jimmy Reeves.

The Number Six man, Tucker, who has been meeting the best and has always given a good account of himself, engaged in twelve bouts of which he won nine, lost two and drew in one.

ROUND OF THE YEAR

THE most drama-packed and thrilling round of the year in boxing was the unforgettable sixth round of the first Belloise-Overlin fight for New York's portion of the world middleweight championship. A little more than a minute after the start of the round, Belloise landed a short left hook and followed with a terrific right cross to the chin that toppled the champion the first time. So badly dazed was Overlin experience deserted him, and he arose immediately, although in very bad shape. He was badly stung and on the verge of a knockout, when he got up at the count of two.

He was forced to the ropes where, with almost two minutes of the round remaining, the "Ancient Mariner" stood up under a blizzard of blows from the hardest hitting youngster in the game today. With the championship in his grasp, Steve went right-hand crazy in his anxiety to put Overlin away.

Reeling like a storm-tossed craft, the former gob refused to go down while Belloise continued his terrible barrage to the head of the half-conscious champion. A left hook sent Ken to his fingertips but he leaped up without taking a count as Steve again charged at him for the kill.

The Garden by this time was a madhouse as Overlin swayed and staggered through the round. Steve kept swinging from every angle as the ring wise champion slipped inside and away from almost all of Belloise's leads to weather the gale while the crowd gasped in astonishment.

His losses were to Webb and to Henry Taylor and he drew with Gus Dorazio.

Those of our British readers who might criticize the elimination of their heavyweight and light-heavyweight king, Len Harvey, must remember that with the war on, Harvey, in service, has done no boxing. That he can whip many of those we have listed, there can be no doubt. But Len rates no position for 1940. Likewise Jock McAvoy, who, though named leader of our third group, fought only three times and lost one bout, that to Freddy Mills.

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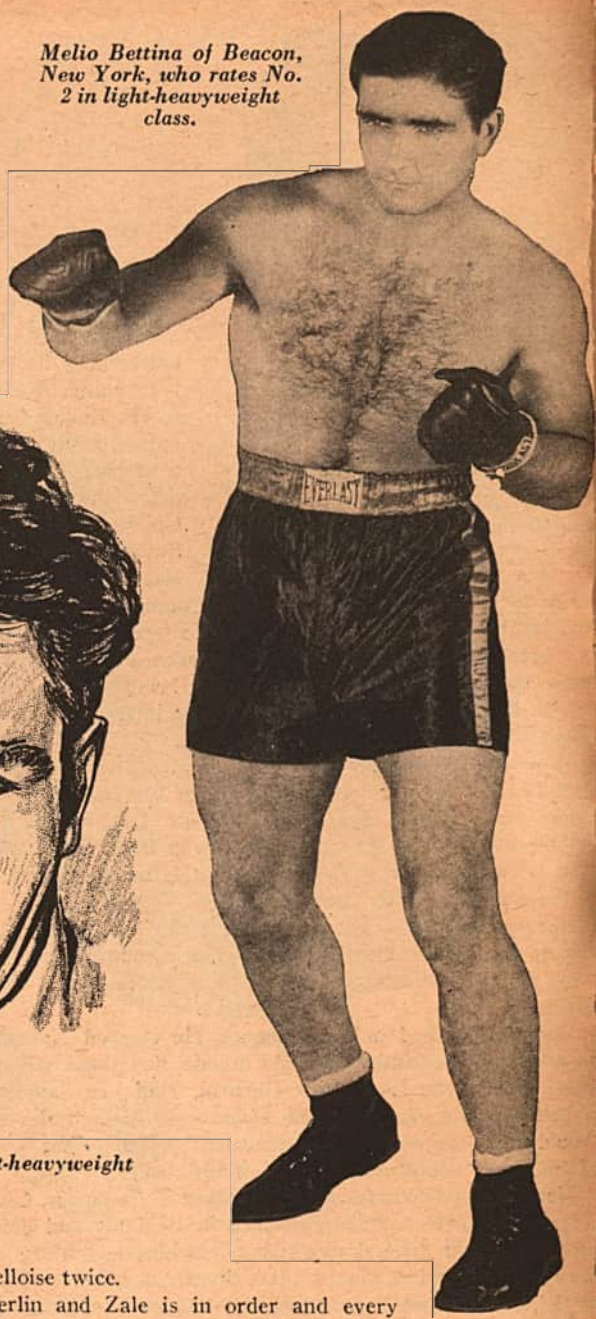
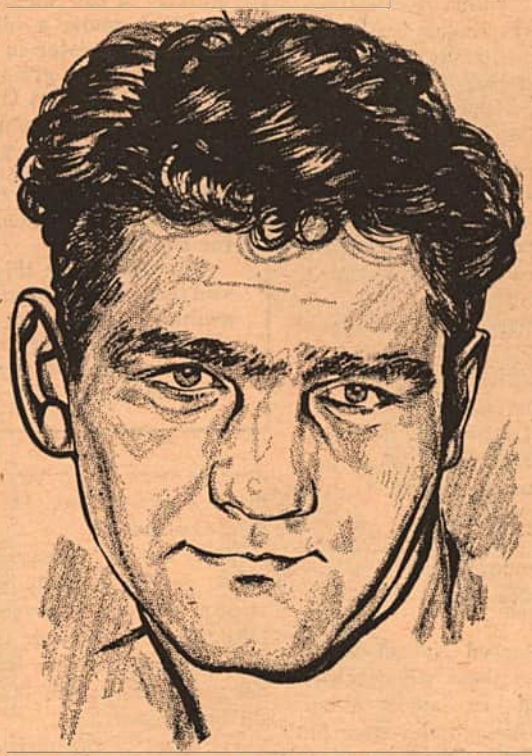
THE best division in boxing today, is the middleweight, with its fine crop of fighters. Although THE RING continues to refuse recognition to Overlin or Zale as world champion until the matter of supremacy is settled between them, it's staff, based on the year's record, does not hesitate to place Overlin above Zale as the outstanding world middleweight. Ken, a veteran of many years, a former gob champion who during the 1940 campaign showed at his best, not only has been one of the most active fighters in any class, but has triumphed over the cream of the division. He fought all who wished to tackle him. His only loss, a ten round bout with Billy Soose, who also triumphed over Zale but was twice defeated by Georgie Abrams, gave rise to considerable adverse comment, as a questionable verdict.

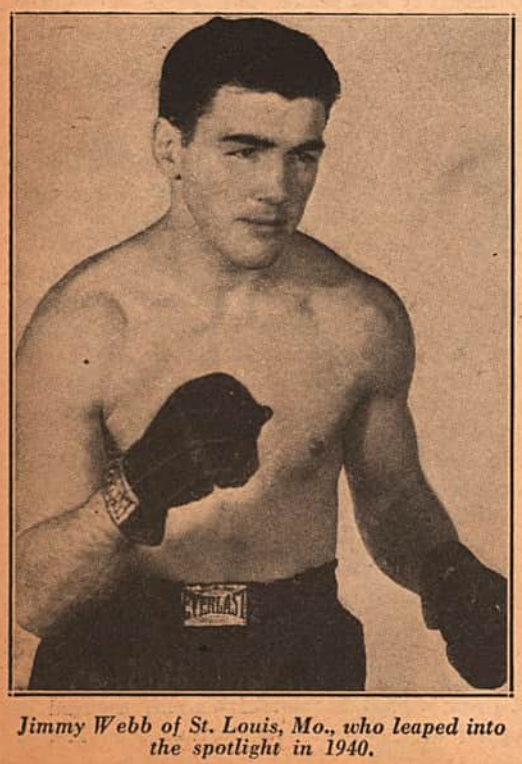
Ken fought twice as often as did Zale, the N.B.A. title holder, fifteen to seven. While Zale twice engaged the tough Al Hostak, once winning in ten and then scoring a kayo in thirteen rounds in their return engagement, Overlin triumphed over as hard hitters as Hostak when he stopped Harry Balsamo in nine and won fifteen rounds decisions from Ceferino Garcia and the most promising boy in the division, Steve Belloise. He defeated Belloise twice.



Melio Bettina of Beacon, New York, who rates No. 2 in light-heavyweight class.



Gus Lesnevich, leading light-heavyweight contender.



Jimmy Webb of St. Louis, Mo., who leaped into the spotlight in 1940.

A fight between Overlin and Zale is in order and every effort should be made by the managers of each to clinch it regardless who stages it. Such a bout would clear up the middleweight division and give to it an internationally recognized champion.

At present Overlin rates such only by New York and its affiliated commissions while Zale is the title holder in all N.B.A. territory. Soose, by virtue of his triumphs over both claimants to the crown, has won third place in our ratings. This trio, Overlin, Zale and Soose occupy a group by themselves, as the best middleweights in the world.

Soose, like Overlin, has been an active fighter. He took part in twelve bouts and suffered only one defeat, that at the hands of Abrams who also whipped him once the year previously. Soose, besides beating the title claimants, scored a four rounds knockout over Enzo Iannozzi and put Jimmy Clark out of the way with a three rounds kayo.

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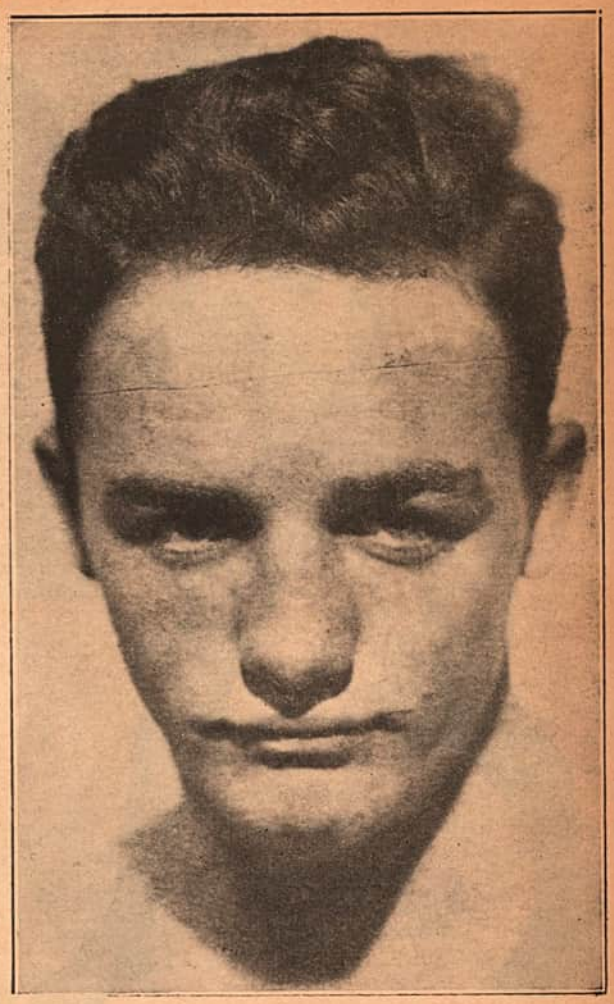
IN our second group of middleweight contenders, we have listed ten names headed by Jimmy Bivins, the Cleveland star who has been coming along in whirlwind fashion despite his one setback in the return mill with Christoforidis, a light-heavyweight.

Had Steve Belloise not faltered so badly in both his bouts with Overlin, he would have scored a higher rating, but those setbacks give Bivins the edge. Bivins fought nineteen times and Steve, twelve. Bivins scored nine knockouts and faced sturdier competition.

The greatest advancement made by any fighter during the year was that by Belloise, who came practically from nowhere to gain two shots at New York's



Tommy Tucker, Long Island's star in the light-heavyweight division.

Teddy Yarosz, the Pittsburgh threat in light-heavyweight ranks.

title, and climb to fifth ranking in his division in world ratings. Steve lost only one fight in thirty, and considering that he fought tough boys, that's a mighty fine record. His victories over Eddie Dunne, Victor Dellicurti, Ceferino Garcia and Sammy Luftspring gained him a national reputation. Bivins, like Belloise, bears watching.

Of the men who are listed in the same division, Georgie Abrams is one of the standouts. Georgie in eleven fights, lost only one, to Henry Chmielewski, but got his revenge when he knocked out Henry in a return bout in the sixth round. His record shows victories over the best boys, Billy Soose, Ernie Vigh, Joe Sutka, Augie Arellano twice; Cocoa Kid and Jack Munley and drew in ten with Charley Burley.

Though Hostak is the best hitter of the crew, he fought only twice and was beaten both times by Tony Zale, once in ten rounds via the decision and then by a kayo in thirteen. That causes him to drop considerably from the high post he occupied last year.

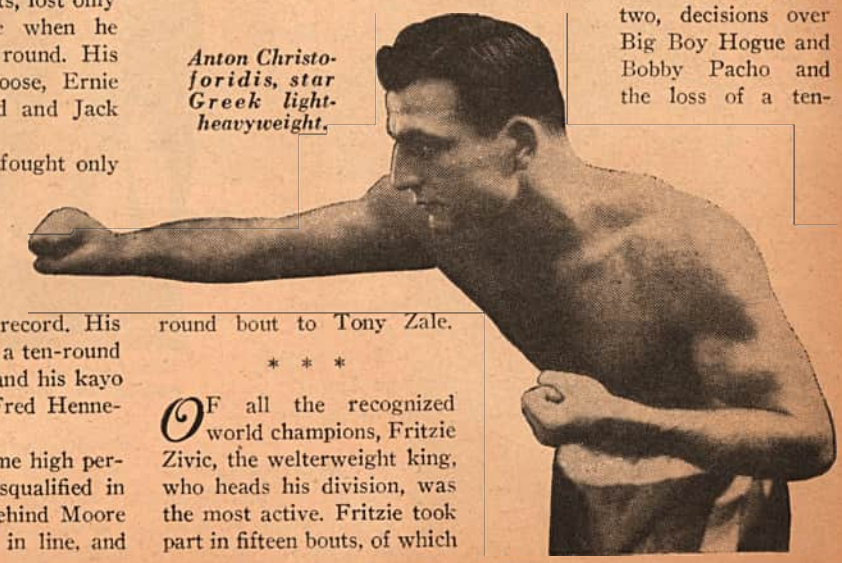
Archie Moore of St. Louis, who recently returned from Australia, came through with a good record. His two victories over Ron Richards in the Antipodes, one a ten-round kayo, and the other in 12 rounds through a decision, and his kayo victories over Jack McNamee, Atilio Sabatino and Fred Henneberry gain for him post No. 3.

Richards, the Australian ace, failed to show the same high percentage as in 1939. He lost three times and was disqualified in his fight with Henneberry, yet merits a high place behind Moore with Tami Mauriello, an outstanding prospect, next in line, and Abrams in sixth position. Hostak, Garcia, Ernie Vigh and Coley Welch, another young star with a good sock, following.

In Tami Mauriello, boxing has one of the best prospects in any division. He and Belloise have given new life to the class. Tami fought fifteen times and didn't lose a contest, but of course, his competition was not as severe as that of others rated above him.

Ernie Vigh, who adds to the list of terrific punchers in this division, went into the ring twelve times. He lost to Bep Van Klaveren, Georgie Abrams and Harvey Massey, but put Chmielewski away in one round and Ben Brown in two.

Fred Apostoli, who is first in group three, is trying the comeback role, but so far has not displayed the class of old. He started the year with a victory over Bettina, then was stopped by Melio in twelve rounds. His more recent fights show a kayo over Dale Sparr in two, decisions over Big Boy Hogue and Bobby Pacho and the loss of a ten-round bout to Tony Zale.



Anton Christoforidis, star Greek light-heavyweight.

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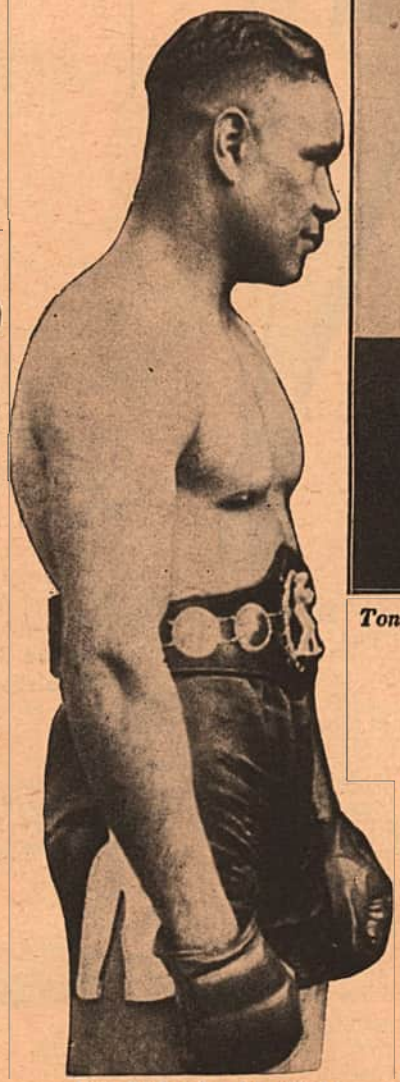
OF all the recognized world champions, Fritzie Zivic, the welterweight king, who heads his division, was the most active. Fritzie took part in fifteen bouts, of which

Ken Overlin, New York's champion, the outstanding world middleweight.

Billy Soose, conqueror of Overlin and Zale, a strong championship contender.

Tony Zale, N.B.A. middleweight king, who rates next to Overlin.



Ron Richards, Australia's outstanding middleweight.

he lost two, both to Johnny Barbara. But in his victories, he triumphed over the best when he beat Mike Kaplan, Saverio Turiello by a knockout in one round; Ossie Harris by a kayo in three and a ten-round decision; Kenny La Salle in ten, Sammy Angott in ten and Henry Armstrong in fifteen for the title. He was on the way toward a knockout of Al Davis when Davis was disqualified for repeated fouling.

Only Armstrong's record in the welter class compares to that of Fritzie, but the fact that Henry dropped the crown to Zivic, prevents us from placing Armstrong on a par with the champion. Henry therefore receives the runnerup post in Number One group, where he and Fritzie stand by themselves.

Izzy Jannazzo, the Baltimore champion, rates tops in Group Two, the third best welter in the world. Jannazzo in seven times to bat, lost twice, to Holman Williams, whom he later defeated, and to Georgie Abrams. His defeat of Steve Mamakos and Cocoa Kid were his two best performances.

Charley Burley, a colored welter from Pittsburgh, continues to rate one of the world's best. He has tried desperately to get a crack at the leaders, but unsuccessfully. His record shows nine fights, with only one loss, that to Jimmy Bivins. He fought a draw with Georgie Abrams, beat Kenny La Salle, Nate Bolden and Vincent Pimpinelli. He is our No. 2 in Group Two, with Cocoa Kid, Mike Kaplan, Maxie Berger, Lou Ambers, Jimmy Leto and Holman Williams following in that order.

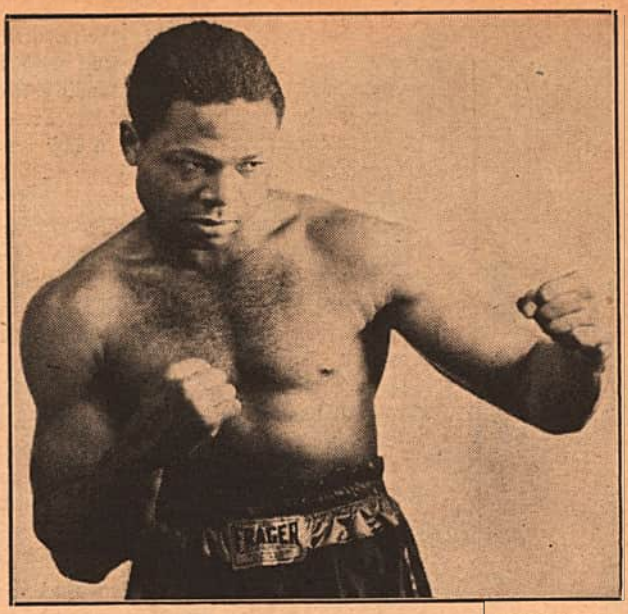
Ambers, after four victories, dropped the lightweight title to Lew Jenkins, then had to retire for many months. But he is back in harness again and because of his ten-round triumph over Al Davis, he is entitled to a select spot in Group Two.

COCOA KID'S setback at the hands of Jannazzo caused his drop from heading that group. He has an otherwise excellent record with victories over Holman Williams, Tony Martin, Chalky Wright, two knockouts over Billy White, a kayo over Johnny Barbara, who twice whipped Zivic; a kayo in seven over Frankie Britt; decisions over Bill McDowell and Phil Furr and a loss to the middleweight star, Georgie Abrams.

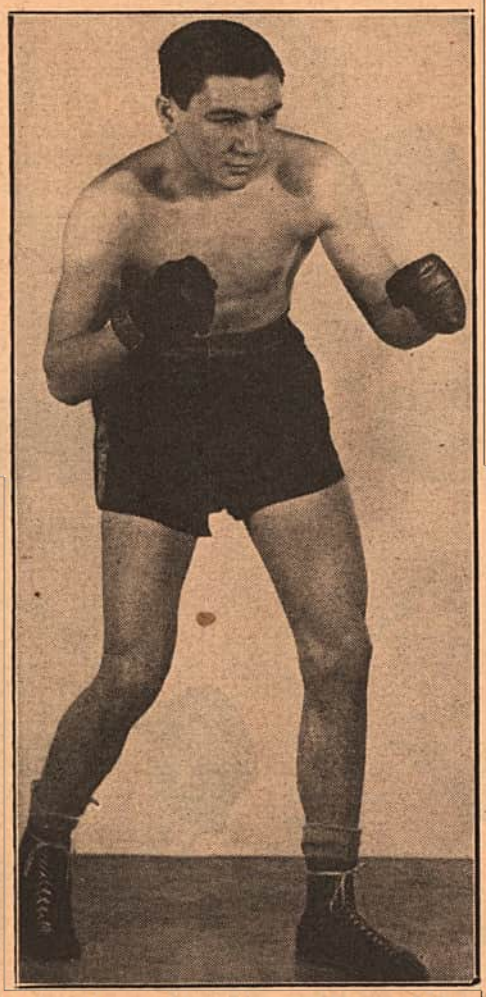
Mike Kaplan is one of the rising young lads who has come to the front during the past year. The Bostonian had nine fights, of which he dropped only one, his first of the year, to Zivic. He drew once with Milt Aron and then beat him.

Montreal's welter star, Maxie Berger, gained a high rating. He stood undefeated for the year, though he had one draw with Red Guggino. He gets fifth spot in Group Two.

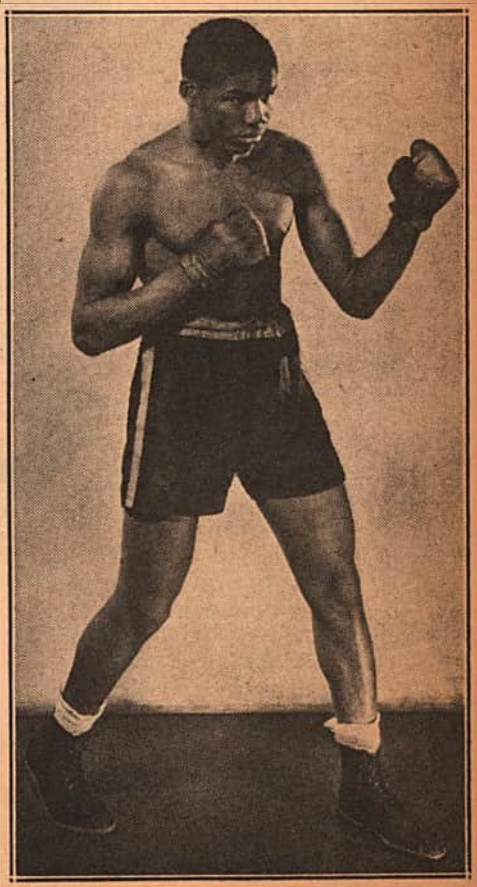
Georgie Abrams, who made rapid strides in 1940.



Archie Moore, one of the best of the middleweight crop.



Tami Mauriello, who made the ranking ten in the 1940 ratings.



Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland, who heads Group 2 of the middleweights.

In the knockout of Cocoa Kid in three rounds, Jimmy Leto leaped into the select circle. The Kid previously had beaten Jimmy after which Leto had also lost to Eddie Dolan, but that kayo feat overcame those two losses to gain Leto the eighth world ranking position among welters, sixth in his group, with Williams, who lost to Cocoa Kid in fifteen rounds, and to Jannazzo in ten, and Lou Ambers winding up that group. Ambers is new in the division. He has retired as a lightweight to try his skill with the welters.

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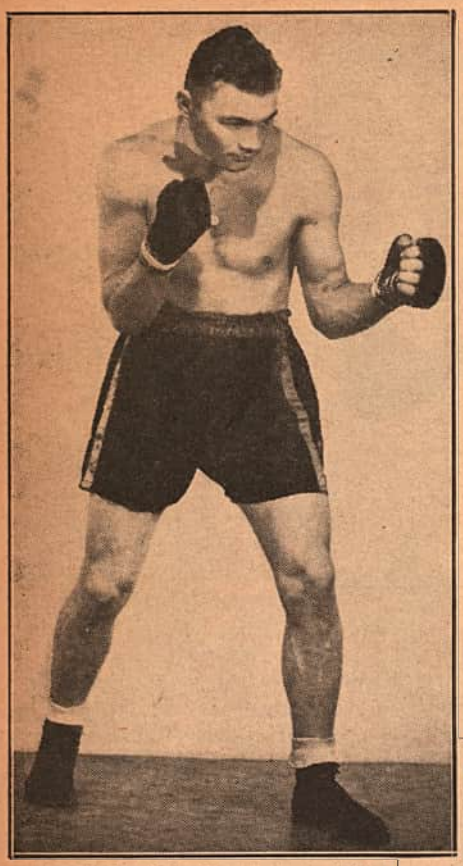
THE most active division of all was the lightweight, with the welterweights close at their heels. That section, like the one above, saw the development of many good youngsters in 1940. It saw the passing of two great champions from its midst, Armstrong and Ambers, but in their place, came a rising crop that presages well for the division in 1941.

It is the one division, above the feathers, in which one cannot say that there is an outstanding fighter. No one in particular has gained such prestige that he can be grouped by himself. The field is pretty evenly divided, though the leader, Champion Lew Jenkins, is the class so far as hitting power is concerned. For that matter, he rates tops next to Joe Louis in that respect among present day fighters, weight considered.

Jenkins, by virtue of his clouting ability and the fact that he holds the championship, gets the nod over Sammy Angott, N.B.A. title-holder, who is our No. 2 man; Bob Montgomery, an excellent performer from Philadelphia, and Dave Castilloux of Montreal, the last of the group. Had Jackie Wilson not been stopped by Quentin Breese recently, he would have finished in the first group in fourth place. As it is, he has dropped to the top of the Second Group.

Jenkins' only loss for the year was a knockout at the hands of Henry Armstrong, but he redeemed himself by stopping Pete Lello in sensational style in two rounds in a title defense bout. His fight with Zivic is not recorded here as it took place after we went to press.

Angott lost only one of his eight battles, but drew three times. He dropped the verdict in ten rounds to Fritzie Zivic, and fought draws with Pete Lello, Baby Arizmendi and George Latka, the Coast star. His early verdict over Davey Day and then a triumph over Bob Montgom-



Ernie Vigh of Newburgh, one of the hardest of the middleweight hitters.

only one defeat and nine victories and one draw.

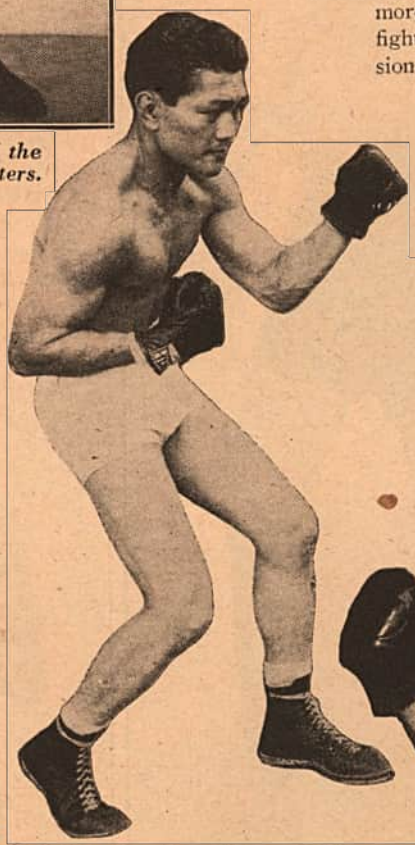
In our second group there are nine high class fighters, a few veterans, but mostly newcomers. Of the veterans, the best is Leo Rodak, who still is good enough to rate fourth place, as the eighth world ranking boxer. He lost five out of thirteen bouts, but his losses were against boys who are highly rated as against triumphs made by those under him, against ordinary fighters.

George Latka of California was coming along in great style until he clashed with Toby Vigil and lost the decision. He made up for that, however, with a draw against Sammy Angott, the N.B.A. lightweight king, but followed with a defeat at the hands of Baby Arizmendi, whom he previously had whipped decisively. Had he not lost those two fights at the end of the year he would have earned a place in Group One, but as it is, his record was so superior to that of the boys who whipped him that he still rates the No. 2 spot below Jackie Wilson and above Vigil. Arizmendi's record for the year was far from impressive. Wilson's only defeat was a kayo at the hands of Breese.

Pete Lello had worked himself into a fine spot until he met Jenkins. His knockout dropped his stock many points. Billy Marquart and Julie Kogon rank sixth and seventh, respectively. Aldo Spoldi, the Italian lightweight champion, gained the last place in the select circle when he knocked out Irving Eldridge in one round.

ery gives Angott the runnerup post to Jenkins. Montgomery, besides losing to Sammy, dropped a bout to Jenkins, but beat Al Nettlow twice, knocked out Jimmy Vaughn in two and drew with Nettlow and Norment Quarles.

Dave Castilloux is one of those of whom it might be truthfully said that he cannot obtain bouts with the leaders because they fear him. He is a good fighter and as such is shunned. He went through the season with



Ceferino Garcia, who retained a place among the elite.

COMING down to the featherweight class, we are confronted with a peculiar position in which the best fighter, the outstanding man at his weight, cannot top the division because he has been fighting out of his class. In Chalky Wright we have a boy who, in hitting and in cleverness stands out, yet he has been unable to obtain contests with the feathers and has been compelled, in order to be kept busy, to fight boys in the light, welter and middleweight classes. For that reason, inactivity in his own class, he is penalized though through no fault of his.

The featherweights find Harry Jeffra, world champion, on top, with Wright our second choice, and Petey Scalzo, N.B.A. titleholder, occupying third place, in a group by themselves. They have proved their superiority, in fights in their own class, over those rated below them.

The champ won the title during the year from Joey Archibald in a thrilling encounter in which he showed class. He followed that with another classy performance against Spider Armstrong, challenger, and Jeffra retained his title via the decision route. His only defeat came recently at the hands of Bill Speary, a Wilkesbarre threat, excellent championship material.

Wright engaged in thirteen bouts, of which he lost three—to Paul Junior, who was twice halted by Henry Armstrong, Cocoa Kid and Jimmy Leto—and in each he gave away plenty of weight. When he beat Saverio Turiello there was a difference of more than twenty pounds in their weights. Leto had twenty-two on him.

Scalzo, the N.B.A. champion, fought eighteen times, three more than Zivic, the international welter king. Pete is a fearless fighter, one willing at all times to take on the cream of the division. Scalzo has earned the right to fight Jeffra to settle the question of supremacy and I hope such a fight can be arranged. With the loss of only one contest, that with Julie Kogon, Scalzo's record is an excellent one. There is little to choose between him and Jeffra, other than the fact that Harry is holder of the world crown, an honor he won by beating the title-holder, Archibald, as against an honor thrust upon Scalzo by an organization.

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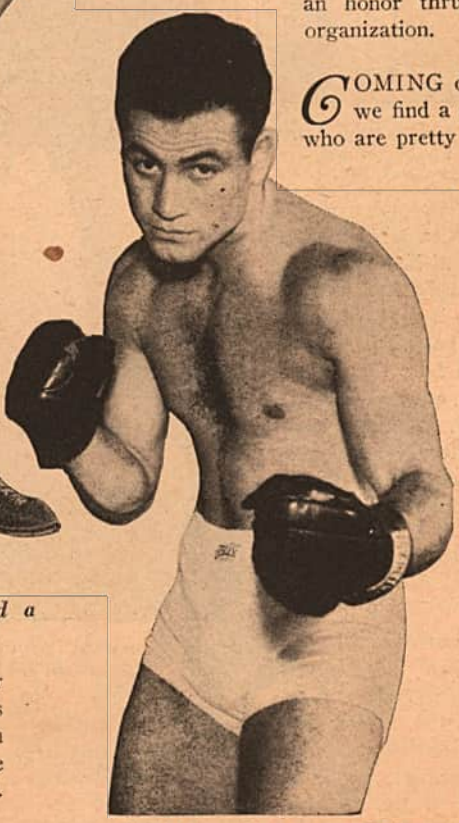
COMING down to the next group, we find a classy bunch of feathers, who are pretty well matched. The division consists of nineteen fighters, of whom few hold much of an advantage over the others. That's why they are all listed in that one particular section.



Fred Apostoli, in comeback role, landed last place in Group 2.

Louisiana's feather king, Jimmy Perrin, headed this list until Jimmy lost to Joe Marinelli of Dayton, Ohio, then Perrin dropped to third place with Bill Speary, first, and Marinelli, second. Perrin lost only two fights out of nine, one to Pete Scalzo and the other to Joe Marinelli. Those he whipped are Joey Archibald, Al Reid, Bobby Ruffin, Paul Lee, Pete De Grasse, Joe Marinelli and Ginger Foran.

Bill Speary, a rising youngster from Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, who just recently beat Harry Jeffra in an overweight match, is our first choice. Speary has an

excellent record, with victories over Joey Archibald, Charley Hayes, Harvey Localle, Johnny Forte, Firpo Lopez, Eddie O'Leary, Billy Davis, Al Brown and Joe Amico, to his credit.

Joe Marinelli of Dayton, with only one loss in fourteen contests; Larry Bolvin of Providence, with ten victories and a draw in eleven starts; Sal Bartola of Boston, Simon Chavez of Venezuela, Sixto Escobar of Puerto Rico, Richard Lemos of Los Angeles, Everette Rightmire of Sioux City, and Bobby Ivy of Hartford, Conn., make up the first ten in Group 2.

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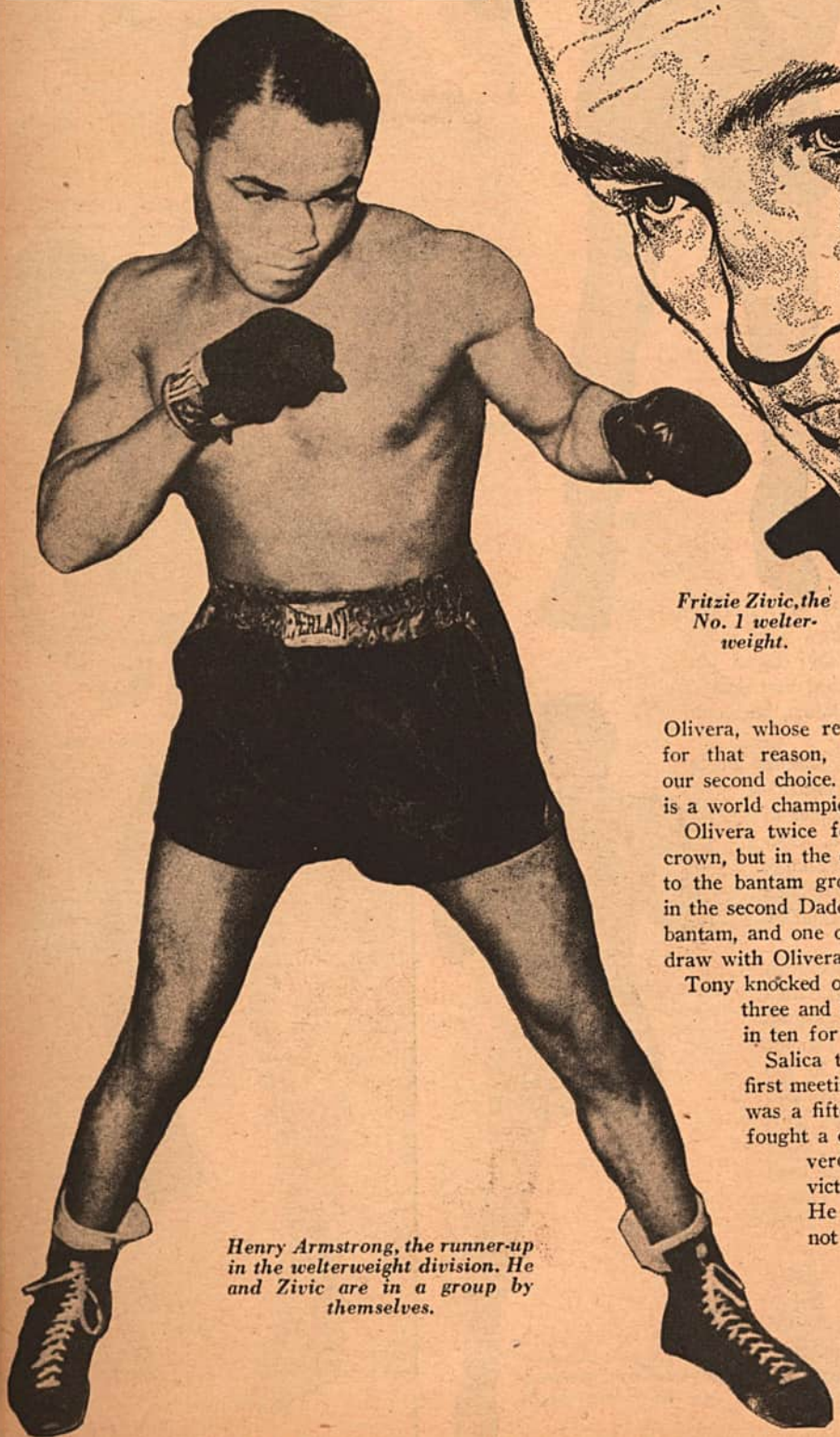
ALTHOUGH Lou Salica is the recognized bantam champion in New York and in N.B.A. territory, California has its champion in Tony Olivera, whose record surpasses that of the New Yorker, and for that reason, Tony heads the bantam ratings, with Lou our second choice. They are in a class by themselves, but neither is a world champion.

Fritzie Zivic, the No. 1 welterweight.



Henry Armstrong, the runner-up in the welterweight division. He and Zivic are in a group by themselves.

Olivera twice fought Little Dado, claimant of the flyweight crown, but in the opinion of THE RING experts, Olivera belongs to the bantam group. Their first fight resulted in a draw and in the second Dado gained the decision. Aurel Toma, Roumanian bantam, and one of the best in Europe, also fought a ten-round draw with Olivera.

Tony knocked out Rio Rico in five rounds, Benny Dawson in three and Black Joe in seven. He also beat Ken Lindsay in ten for the outstanding bantam record of the year.

Salica twice fought Pace for the N.B.A. title. Their first meeting in Canada resulted in a draw, and the second was a fifteen-round victory for Lou, in New York. Lou fought a draw with Jackie Callura, then he dropped the verdict to Tommy Forte, but followed with a great victory over Small Montana, a three-round kayo. He floored Montana nine times, yet his record is not as impressive as that of Olivera. A bout between this pair would settle the matter of world supremacy and should be arranged.

Pace proved in his bout with Salica that he cannot make the bantam limit and feel strong. Since joining the ranks of the feathers, he has displayed far better form than heretofore and may find himself a strong contender for

Izzy Jannazzo, N.B.A. welter king, who leads Group 2.

Charlie Burley, the third ranking welter.

Lou Ambers, eighth in Group 2.

Mike Kaplan of Boston, a star welter.

the crown now held by Jeffra before the new year is over. Pace lost to Salica and to Rush Dalma. He drew with Jackie Callura, won from Johnny Gaudes and Pablo Dano and knocked out Johnny Puig in six rounds, a record that doesn't entitle him to Group 1. Had he not lost to Dalma, he would have been placed behind Salica.

Another of Philadelphia's rising youngsters, Tommy Forte, gets the place of honor in the second group of contenders, with Kui Kong Young of Hawaii, Kid Tanner of British Guiana, Chick Delaney of Oakland, Cal., Rush Dalma of the Philippines, Georgie Pace of Cleveland, Aurel Toma of Roumania, Peter Kane of England, Pablo Dano of the Philippines and K. O. Morgan of Detroit winding up the division.

Forte didn't lose a contest. He beat by decisions Billy Passen, Paul Jacks, Pete De Grasse, Lou Salica and Joey Archibald, and stopped Lou Transparenti.

The British Empire's star bantam is Kid Tanner, who can fight as a flyweight and also goes in for bantam and featherweight bouts. Tanner kept busy last year with fourteen bouts, of which he lost three. Two of these losses were chalked up in bouts with Jackie Paterson, British champion, and the third in the bout with Billy Walker. Tanner knocked out Joe Green, Jack Lee, Tommy McGlinchey, Don Cameron, Dudley Lewis, Billy Cakewell and Jimmy Stewart.

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AS in past years, the flyweight class presented little activity in this country and because of the European war, competition was curtailed considerably abroad. As a result there were no more than twenty boys who could be listed.

Cocoa Kid, a colored welter, who rates high.

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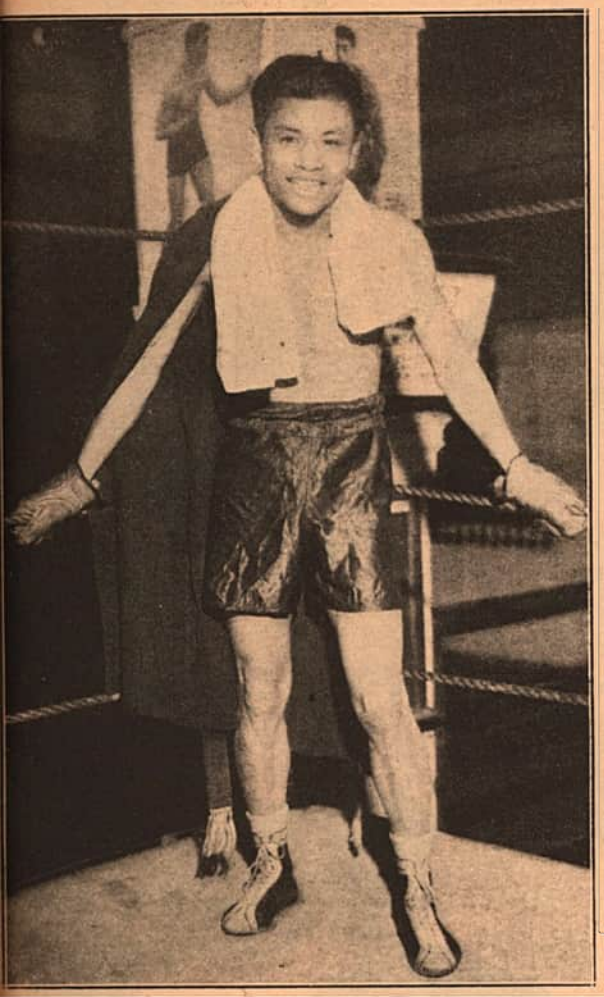
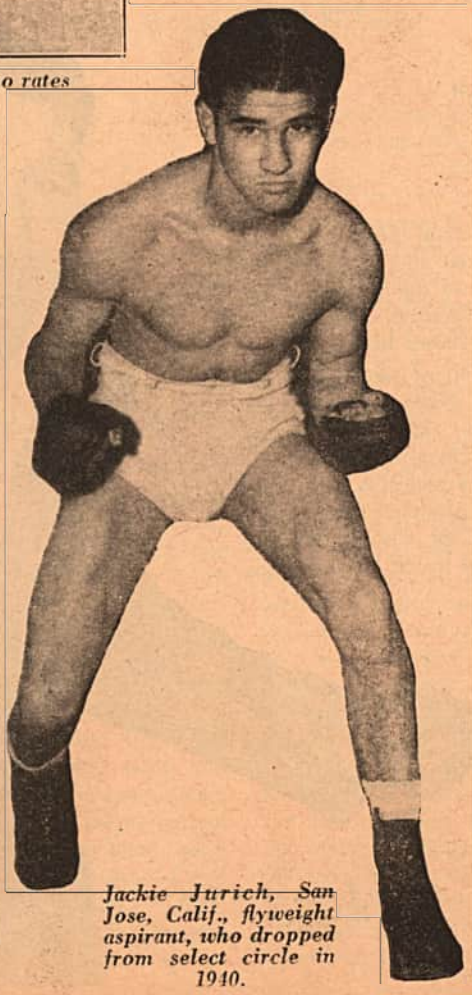


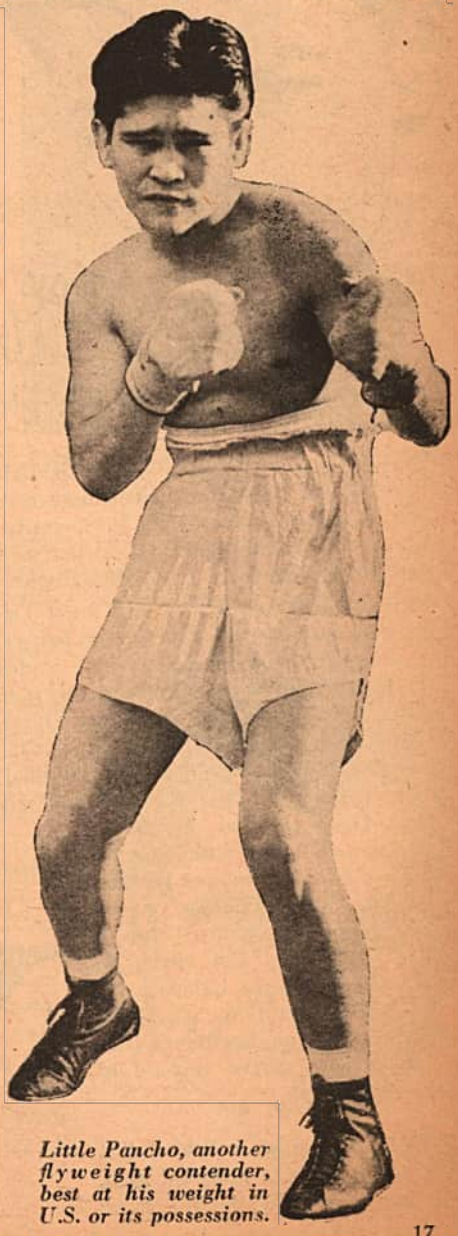
Little Dado, flashy Filipino flyweight, who rates behind Pancho.

Tony Olivera, Oakland, Calif., bantamweight star.

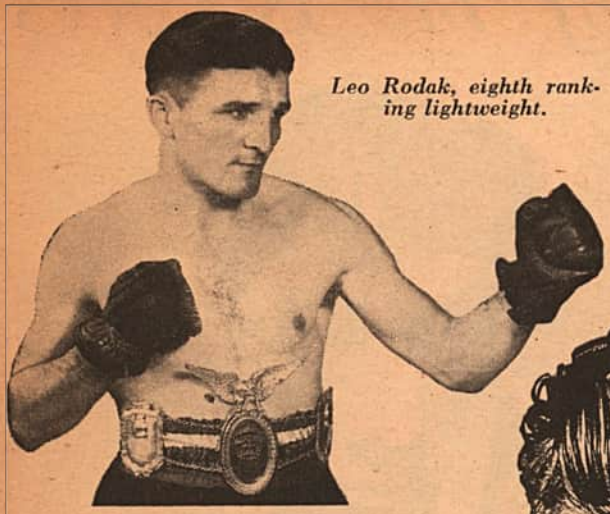
Chick Delaney, Oakland, Calif., hard-hitting bantam, our No. 4 man in Group No. 2.



Jackie Jurich, San Jose, Calif., flyweight aspirant, who dropped from select circle in 1940.



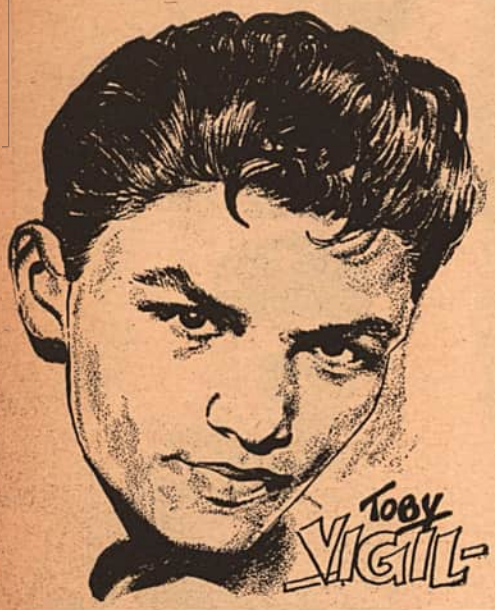
Little Pancho, another flyweight contender, best at his weight in U.S. or its possessions.



Leo Rodak, eighth ranking lightweight.

Dave Castilloux, fourth in lightweight group.

Sammy Angott, N.B.A. champion, who rates behind Jenkins.



Toby Vigil, California's lightweight threat.

There can be no doubt about Jackie Paterson being the cream of the division. This star British fighter won all the contests in which he could engage before the severity of the German bombardment cut short almost all boxing in England. The manner in which he won twice from Kid Tanner shows his class.

Little Pancho of Hawaii and Little Dado of the Philippines ran a neck-and-neck race for second honors. Dado engaged in ten tilts and Pancho in nine. Each had a clean slate. In a contest to decide the matter of supremacy, they fought a ten-round draw. Dado fought a draw and beat Tony Olivera and also won from Jackie Jurich, while Pancho beat Small Montana and Henry Hook, drew with Lupe Cardoza, knocked out Elwood Rovero, Benny Dawson and Dom Kid Den, and won in ten from Horace Mann. Dado stopped Mann in seven rounds, drew with Manuel Ortiz and Nat Corum, and stopped Nick De Posta and won in ten from Corum in a return bout.

The fourth and last choice in Group One is Enrico Urbinati, the European Federation champion, who like Paterson, has been halted in his boxing career because of the war.

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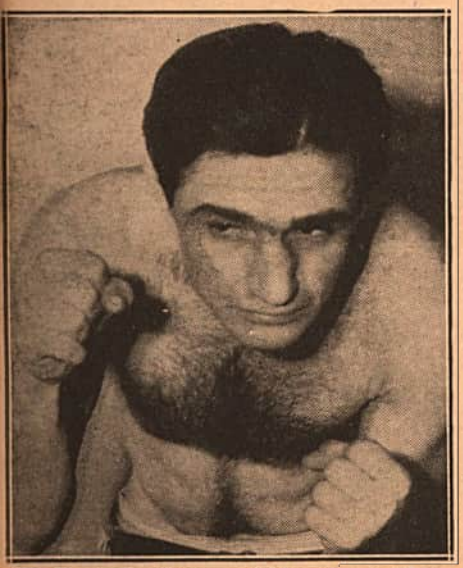
WHILE the year 1940 failed to produce a $200,000 fight, the box office side of the game

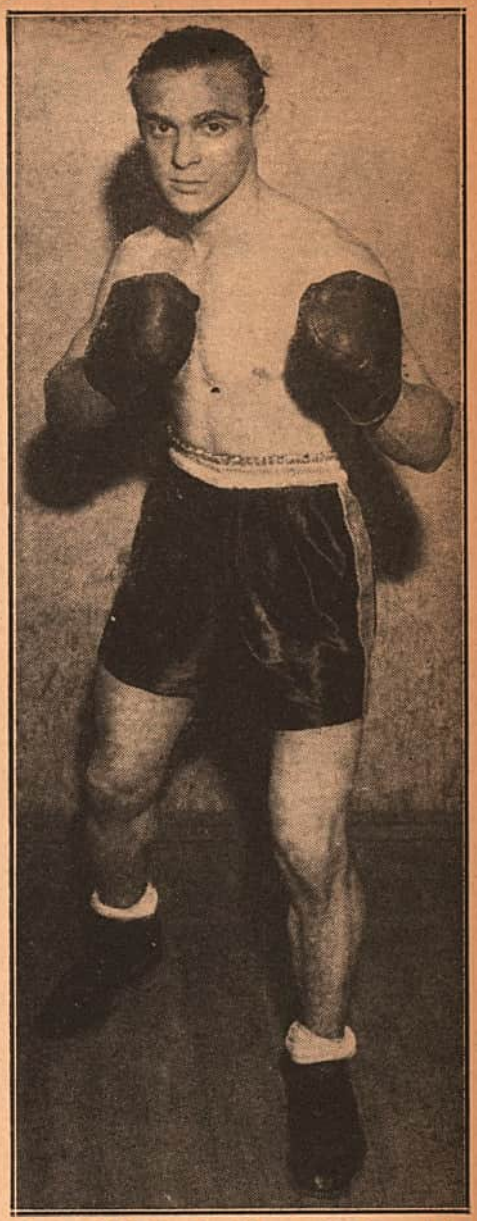
George Latka, sixth best lightweight.

Harry Jeffra, the number one featherweight.

Chalky Wright, best featherweight contender.



Joe Marinelli, Dayton, Ohio, star featherweight contender.



Larry Bolvin, Providence featherweight, hot on champion's trail.

continued to show improvement all over the country. A splendid situation for 1941 was set up.

When Max Baer came out of retirement to make a most successful comeback, new life was injected into boxing and promoters began to see the light of day again. Many blamed Mike Jacobs and his powerful hold on pugilism for early doldrums. Others placed the blame on lack of talent, the election period, the tremendous number of workless citizens. Jacobs, by spreading out boxing with champions performing in all parts of the country, did much to bring back the sport in the last part of 1940.

When Baer knocked out Galento, he revived boxing. And added to that came a crop of young boys in the lightweight, welter and middleweight divisions who possessed what was necessary to start tongues wagging—the punch soporific. Then came the revival of interest that has brought the sport back into its own again, with the prospects for a lively 1941 better than ever. Lew Jenkins, Steve Belloise, Tami Mauriello, Jimmy Burns, George Latka, Jackie Wilson, Mike Kaplan, Ken Overlin, Bob Montgomery, Bill Speary, Tony Zale and Jimmy Webb were outstanding factors in the game's return to normalcy.

Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore came back on the pugilistic map with a bang. Gate receipts were far below those of previous years, even in the world championship fights, but that had to be expected with business conditions as they were, and still are.

The European war and the general business depression in this country brought about a more reasonable charge on fight tickets, and this also added to increased interest in the last half year because it enabled persons to attend fights who hitherto found the admission charges too great.

That boxing is making a great comeback is obvious, judging by the fine attendances in Madison Square Garden and in other localities where the sport is carried on regularly. Boston, which has been a dead boxing center for many months, has been brought to life through the efforts of Mike Jacobs, who, hearkening to the cry of the populace that his contracts with famous boxers made it impossible for other promoters to make use of them, has branched his promotion to the country's leading boxing centers —Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, etc.

Pete Scalzo, N.B.A. champion, who rates third featherweight.

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Heavyweight Division

(Group 1)

Joe Louis, Detroit, Michigan.

(Group 2)

1—Max Baer, Fair Oaks, Calif.
2—Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Group 3)

1—Arturo Godoy, Chile.
2—Red Burman, Baltimore, Md.
3—Buddy Baer, Fair Oaks, Calif.
4—Lee Savold, St. Paul, Minn.
5—Buddy Walker, Columbus, Ohio.
6—Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—Tommy Farr, England.
8—Lou Nova, Oakland, Calif.

(Group 4)

Bob Pastor, New York City; Tony Galento, Orange, N. J.; Abe Simon, New York City; Nathan Mann, New Haven, Conn; Roscoe Toles, Detroit, Mich.; Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J.; Buddy Knox, Dayton, Ohio; Patsy Perroni, Canton, Ohio; Al McCoy, Boston, Mass.

Tommy Martin, England; Al Delaney, Windsor, Canada; Gunnar Barlund, Finland; Lem Franklin, Chicago, Ill.; Pat Valentiro, San Francisco, Calif.; Tony Musto, Chicago, Ill.

Willie Reddish, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Whiters, Pontiac, Mich.; Carl Vinciquerra, Omaha, Nebr.; Bill Poland, New York City; Bob Sikes, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Otis Thomas, St. Louis, Mo.

(Group 5)

Harold Blackshear, Monterey, Calif.; Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bill Boyd, Seattle, Wash.; Eddie Blunt, New York City; Valentin Campolo, Argentine; Steve Dudas, Edgewater, N. J.; Freddy Fiducia, Newark, N. J.; Tiger Jack Fox, Seattle, Wash.; Junior Munsell, Ponca City, Okla.; Jim Thompson, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jack Trammell, Youngstown, Ohio; Paul Hartnek, Kenosha, Wisc.; Babe Ritchie, Lubbock, Texas; Babe Hunt, Ponca City, Okla.; Tony Shucco, Boston, Mass.; Don Siegel, Detroit, Mich.; Sonnyboy Walker, Phoenix Ariz.; Eddie Wenstob, Winnipeg, Canada.

Max Minnich, Cleveland, Ohio; Jack Marshall, Dallas, Texas; Emanuel Murray, Norwalk, Conn.; Charley Ketchuk, Binghamton, N. Y.; Young Allen, Macon, Ga.; Neville Beech, Picayune, Miss.; Natie Brown, Washington, D. C.; Jim Howell, New York City; Chuck Crowell, Los Angeles, Calif.

Henry Cooper, New York City; Dan Dowling, St. Louis, Mo.; Charley Eagle, Waterbury, Conn.; Leroy Evans, Buffalo, N. Y.; George Fitch, New Haven, Conn.; Bob Nestell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Shkor, Baltimore, Md.; Elza Thompson, Indianapolis, Ind.

Phil Brubaker, San Francisco, Calif.; Altus Allen, Chicago, Ill.; Jorge Brescia, Argentine; Johnny Hanschen, St. Paul, Minn.; Arne Anderson, Sweden; Tommy Bensch, South Africa; George James, England; Tony Novak, Kansas City, Mo.; Johnny Paychek, Des Moines, Iowa.

Tom Reddington, England; Jack Roper, Los Angeles, Calif.; Henry Wacker, Chicago, Ill.; "Jersey" Joe Wolcott, Merchantville, N. J.; Buddy Scott, Dallas, Texas; Eddie Simms, Cleveland, Ohio; Buddy Moore, New York City; Newsboy Millich, San Francisco, Calif.; Dan Hassett, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe O'Gatty, Tom's River, N. J.; Unknown Winston, Hartford, Conn.; Salvatore Ruggirello, Italy.

(Group 6)

Al Blake, Baltimore, Md.; George Hughes, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Maynard Daniels, Washington, D. C.; Eldridge Eatman, Norwalk, Conn.; Jack Wofford, Houston, Texas; Orlando Trotter, Chicago, Ill.; Billy Muldune, Cleveland, Ohio.

Frank Hough, England; Hard Rock Harden, Burlington, N. C.; Joe Matesi, Binghamton, N. Y.; Jim Robinson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Curtis Sheppard, New York City; Bob Bonger, Ocean City, Calif.; Martin Clark, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ernie Collins, Reno, Nevada; Italo Colonello, Italy; Red Bruce, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Teddy Wint, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Abner Powell, New York City; Dan Merritt, Cleveland, Ohio; Joe Brickle, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Boyle, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Al Boros, Bridgeport, Conn.; Johnny Aichers, Grantwood, N. J.; Mike Alfano, Newark, N. J.; Andy Miller, Sioux City, Iowa; Julio Ortenzio, New York City; Frank Poreda, Jersey City, N. J.; Steve Colucci, Phillipsburg, N. J.; Frank Donofrio, Philadelphia, Pa.; Oliver Shank, Montreal, Canada.

Johnny Myhasuk, Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry Morosz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George Nicholson, Yonkers, N. Y.; Wally Sears, Minersville, Pa.; Pete Tamalonis, Buffalo, N. Y.; Bill Weinberg, Boston, Mass.; Red Nibert, Los Angeles, Calif.

Marty Gordon, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Chuck Jennings, Orange, N. J.; James J. Johnson, New York City; Ernie McDonald, Fresno, Calif.; Tommy Madden, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frank Matesic, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rex Romus, Roumania.

Light-Heavyweight Division

(Group 1)

Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Group 2)

1—Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N. J.
2—Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y.
3—Jimmy Webb, St. Louis, Mo.
4—Teddy Yarosz, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5—Anton Christoforidis, Greece.
6—Tommy Tucker, New York City.

(Group 3)

Jock McAvoy, England; Ralph De John, Syracuse, N. Y.; Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Calif.; Tiger Warrington, Nova Scotia, Canada; Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland, Ohio; Henry Taylor, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Gainer, New Haven, Conn.; Solly Krieger, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Herbie Katz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tony Cisco, Norristown, Pa.; Harry Balsamo, New York City.

Alabama Kid, Dover, Ohio; Larry Lane, Trenton, N. J.; Lee Oma, Detroit, Mich.; Stanley Hasrato, Yonkers, N. Y.; Bobby Jones, Atlantic City, N. J.; Bud Mignault, Brockton, Mass.; Luis Logan, Spain; Joey Parks, St. Louis, Mo.; Erv Sarlin, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Marty Simmons, Saginaw, Mich.; Frank Zamoris, Orange, N. J.

(Group 4)

Ira Hughes, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Billy Colbert, Houston, Texas; Vern Erling, Kellogg, Idaho; Pancho Ramirez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe Baynes, New York City; Gunboat Davis, Charleston, W. Va.; Lloyd Delucchi, San Francisco, Calif.; Al Gilbert, Washington, D. C.

Clarence Jones, St. Louis, Mo.; Eddie Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Young, Dunmore, Pa.; Solly Stark, Deadwood, S. D.; Chester Parks, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe Barr, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carmen Barth, Cleveland, Ohio; Red Lewis, Richmond, Va.

Domenic Ceccarelli, Italy; Johnny Romero, San Diego, Calif.; Hobo Williams, Alexandria, Va.; Charley Jerome, Memphis, Tenn.; Star Harvey, New York City; Hank Postaway, Detroit, Mich.; Army Rullo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Shepard, Springfield, Ill.; Joe Shikula, New York City; Al Sinibaldi, Berlin, N. H.

Willie Pavlovich, New York City; Pietro Georgi, Buffalo, N. Y.; Darwin Jensen, New York City; Bobby Yannes, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Kapovich, Baltimore, Md.; Bob Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Billy Collins, Chester, Pa.; Jerry Boyd, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charley Harvey, New York City; Jack Baggett, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Middleweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Ken Overlin, Washington, D. C.
2—Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana.
3—Billy Soose, Farrell, Pa.

(Group 2)

1—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio.
2—Steve Belloise, New York City.
3—Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.
4—Ron Richards, Australia.
5—Tami Mauriello, New York City.
6—Georgie Abrams, Washington, D. C.
7—Al Hostak, Seattle, Washington.
8—Ceferino Garcia, Philippines.
9—Ernie Vigh, Newburgh, N. Y.
10—Coley Welch, Portland, Me.

(Group 3)

Fred Apostoli, San Francisco, Calif.; Young Corbett, Fresno, Calif.; Tony Martin, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Milt Aron, Chicago, Ill.; Henry Chmielewski, Old Orchard, Me.; Ossie Stewart, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Fred Henneberry, Australia; Atilio Sabatino, Puerto Rico; Jose Basora, Puerto Rico; Howell King, Detroit, Mich.; Deacon Logan, St. Louis, Mo.; Ben Brown, Atlanta, Ga.; Bert Gilroy, Scotland; Nate Bolden, Chicago, Ill.; Bep Van Klaveren, Holland; Al Wardlow, Youngstown, Ohio; Shorty Hogue, San Diego, Calif.

(Group 4)

Big Boy Hogue, San Diego, Calif.; Honeyboy Jones, Mansfield, Ohio; Frankie Nelson, Davenport, Iowa; Harvey Massey, New Orleans, La.; Paulie Walker, Trenton, N. J.; Lou Brouillard, Worcester, Mass.; Erich Seelig, Germany; Eddie Peirce, South Africa; Vincent Pimpinella, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jackie Donovan, Buffalo, N. Y.; Cal Cagni, Cresskill, N. J.; Vincent Fratello, Hackensack, N. J.; Joe Sutka, Detroit, Mich.; Allen Matthews, St. Louis, Mo.; Johnny Barbara, South Bend, Ind.

Billy Bengal, Detroit, Mich.; Al Bernard, New York City; George Burnette, Detroit, Mich.; Gene Buffalo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Bruno, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Eddie Booker, San Jose, Calif.; Augie Arellano, Houston, Texas; Ben Valentine, Fiji Islands; Dick Turpin, England; Leon Zorrita, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dale Sparr, Olathe, Calif.; Tiger Wade, Peoria, Ill.; Babe Verila, New Bedford, Mass.; Ginger Sadd, England; Bobby Pacho, Los Angeles, Calif.; Pat O'Connor, Ireland; Elby Pettaway, Houston, Texas.

(Group 5)

Billy Pryor, Pueblo, Colo.; Paddy Roche, Ireland; Stafford Barton, British West Indies; Toc Bernstein, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Billy Bird, England; Otto Blackwell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Harry Cahill, San Francisco, Calif.

Dave McCleave, England; Fred Mills, England; Jimmy O'Boyne, Boston, Mass.; Jimmy Casino, Los Angeles, Calif.; Harry Craster, England; George Davis, England; Bob Firmin, England; Walter Franklin, New York City; Andy Holland, New York City; George Howard, England; Jack Hyams, England; Billy Latka, San Francisco, Calif.; Jimmy McDaniels, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jack McNamee, Australia; Jay Macedon, Orange, N. J.; Eddie Maguire, South Africa.

Gene Molner, Johnstown, Pa.; Mutt Womer, Charlottesville, Va.; Izzy Redman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lambertine Williams, Baltimore, Md.; Joe Sankey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Len Wadsworth, Toronto, Canada; Bunky Wall, Morristown, Pa.; Jimmy Casa, New York City; Johnny Colan, New York City.

Johnny Flores, Houston, Texas; Ossie Harris, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Wicky Harkins, Philadelphia, Pa.; Paul Klang, New York City; Tony Mango, New York City; Stanley Berl, New York City; David Smith, New York City; Red Shannon, Los Angeles, Calif.

William Metcalf, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mike De Stephano, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frankie Genovese, Toronto, Canada; Teeko Born, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Johnny McHale, New York City; Walter Red Johnson, Jersey City, N. J.; Larry Kellum, New York City; Pat Mangini, Philadelphia, Pa.

Welterweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2—Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Group 2)

1—Izzy Jannazzo, Brooklyn, N. Y.
2—Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3—Cocoa Kid, New Haven, Conn.
4—Mike Kaplan, Boston, Mass.
5—Maxie Berger, Montreal, Canada.
6—Jimmy Leto, Hartford, Conn.
7—Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich.
8—Lou Ambers, Herkimer, N. Y.

(Group 3)

Al Davis, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tony Marteliano, New York City; Young Kid McCoy, Detroit, Mich.; Al Nettlow, Detroit, Mich.; Davey Day, Chicago, Ill.; Victor Dellicurti, New York City; Jack Larrimore, Miami Beach, Fla.

Antonio Fernandez, Chile; Harry Weekly, Alliance, Ohio; Ernie Roderick, England; Saverio Turiello, Italy; Pedro Montanez, Puerto Rico; Steve Mamakos, Washington, D. C.; Sheik Rangel, Fresno, Calif.; Slugger White, Fall River, Mass.; Quentin Breese, Manhattan, Kan.; Jimmy Garrison, Kansas City, Mo.; Arthur Danahar, England; Eddie Dolan, Waterbury, Conn.; Red Green, Hollywood, Calif.; Sammy Luftspring, Toronto, Can.

George Martin, Boston, Mass.; Al Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.; Tony Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Andrea Jessurun, New York City; Phil Furr, Washington, D. C.; Red Cochrane, Newark, N. J.; Kenny La Salle, Houston, Texas.

(Group 4)

Joe Goldstein, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harry Mizler, England; Billy Beauhuld, Jersey City, N. J.; Jackie Kid Berg, England; Tommy Armour, England; Kid Azteca, Mexico; Jerome Conforto, New Orleans, La.

George Crouch, Los Angeles, Calif.; Allen Westbury, Australia; Billy White, Baltimore, Md.; Richard Polite, New Orleans, La.; Jimmy Purcell, Australia.

Red Moffett, Devon, Conn.; Billy Mimms, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wildcat O'Connor, Scranton, Pa.; Carlos Miranda, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bobby McIntyre, Detroit, Mich.; Bill McDowell, Dallas, Texas; Joe Legon, Cuba; Paul Carabantes, Chile.

Bobby Britton, Miami, Fla.; Dencio Cabanela, Philippine Islands; George Daly, England; Harry Davis, England; Pete De Ruzza, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Jake Kilrain, Scotland; Carmen Notch, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mike Piskin, Freehold, N. J.; Tony Ferrara, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Ralph Zannelli, Providence, R. I.; Norman Snow, England; Milo Theodorescu, Roumania; Manuel Villa, Mexico; Cleo McNeal, Canton, Ohio; Ronny Beaudin, Toronto, Canada; Hockey Bennell, Australia; Joe Boscarino, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Frankie Britt, Fall River, Mass.; Leonard Bennett, Chicago, Ill.; Vinnie Vines, Schenectady,

N. Y.; Lou Lombardi, Jersey City, N. J.; Francesco Montanari, Italy.

Johnny Rinaldi, New York City; Dick Turcotte, Waterbury, Conn.; Paul Cortlyn, Newark, N. J.; Norman Rubio, Albany, N. Y.; Willie Cheatum, Newark, N. J.; Frankie Cavanna, New York City.

(Group 5)

Doug Marsh, Toronto, Canada; Willie Neyland, Houston, Texas; Verne Patterson, Chicago, Ill.; Dodo Woods, Buffalo, N. Y.; Frank Terry, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Howard Burton, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Jackie Burke, Ogden, Utah; Johnny Carter, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carl Dell, Oneonta, N. Y.; Mansfield Driskell, Detroit, Mich.; Lefty Flynn, British West Indies; Mistos Grispos, Greece; George Henry, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Frankie Hughes, Terre Haute, Ind.; Norman Hurdman, Toronto, Canada; Johnny Jackson, New Orleans, La.

Tommy Pallatin, Chicago, Ill.; Mayon Padlo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Gus Robinson, Camden, N. J.; Ernest Robinson, New York City; Mickey Makar, Bayonne, N. J.; Eddie Alzek, New York City; Babe Brandelli, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Brooklyn, New Orleans, La.

Billy Carrigan, Baltimore, Md.; Al Costa, Holyoke, Mass.; Dick Demeray, Bismarck, N. D.; Eddie Dunne, New York City; Artie Dorrell, Tyler, Texas; Joey Ferrando, Ashtabula, Ohio; Pete Koloff, New York City; Jerry Fiorella, New York City; Billy Gallagher, Philadelphia, Pa.; Billy Furrone, Syracuse, N. Y.; Al Gauthier, Ludlow, Mass.; Cal Holmes, New York City; Irwin Kaye, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Lakes, Los Angeles, Calif.; Al La Barba, New York City; Earl Dixon, Philadelphia, Pa.

Johnny Dean, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dave Chacon, Newark, N. J.; Billy Connerty, Boston, Mass.; Lee Orey, Los Angeles, Calif.; Elmer Lewis, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Noce, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eddie Finnazzo, Baltimore, Md.; Steve Gacha, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Buster Carroll, Lowell, Mass.; Angelo Cali, Scranton, Pa.; Dom Deci, Providence, R. I.; Victor Troise, New York City; Joey Spangler, Richmond, Va.; Bobby Masters, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lou Schwartz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Leo Mazzilli, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pete Muscanera, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Meyer Siegel, New York City; Tommy Bland, Toronto, Canada; El Brookman, Washington, D. C.; Caesar Ferro, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Augie Fleischauer, New York City; Sean Haynes, Ireland.

Lightweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Lew Jenkins, Sweetwater, Texas.
2—Sammy Angott, Louisville, Ky.
3—Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Dave Castilloux, Montreal, Canada.

(Group 2)

1—Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles, Cal.
2—George Latka, San Francisco, Calif.
3—Toby Vigil, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Leo Rodak, Chicago, Ill.
5—Johnny Bellus, New Haven, Conn.
6—Pete Lello, Chicago, Ill.
7—Billy Marquart, Winnipeg, Canada.
8—Julie Kogon, New Haven, Conn.
9—Aldo Spoldi, Italy.

(Group 3)

Baby Arizmendi, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ray Lunny, San Francisco, Calif.; Ervin Berlier, New Orleans, La.; Irving Eldridge, New York City; Eddie Lander, Chicago, Ill.; George Zengaras, New York City; Lenny Mancini, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Eric Boon, England; Mike Evans, Philadelphia, Pa.; Nick Castiglione, Chicago, Ill.; Wesley Ramey, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Nick Peters, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bernie Miller, New York City; Jimmy Tygh, Philadelphia, Pa.

Johnny Hutchinson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Herschel Joiner, Cincinnati, Ohio; Primo Flores, Puerto Rico; Lew Feldman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tommy Speigal, Uniontown, Pa.; Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J.; Willie Joyce, Chicago, Ill.; Billy Maher, Philadelphia, Pa.

Yucatan Kid, Miami, Fla.; Chief Crazy Horse, Los Angeles, Calif.; Harris Blake, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mike Belloise, New York City; Tommy Cross, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charley Gomer, Baltimore, Md.; Maxie Fisher, Newark N. J.

Joe Ybarra, San Francisco, Calif.; Red Guggino, Hartford, Conn.; Joe Ghnouly, St. Louis, Mo.; Bernie Friedkin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Paul Junior, Portland, Me.; Pat Foley, Boston, Mass.

Joey Fontana, New York City; Justo Jiminez, Mexico; Mike Gamiere, Cleveland, Ohio; Jimmy Walsh, England; Willie Russell, Columbus, Ohio; Tony Morgano, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tod Morgan, Australia.

Johnny Morro, New York City; Paul De Bello, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dave Crowley, England; Nick Camarata, New Orleans, La.; Terry Young, New York City; Lennox Dingle, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chief Evening Thunder, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ritchie Fontaine, Missoula, Mont.; Newsboy Gavras, San Francisco, Calif.; George Hansford, Los Angeles, Calif.; Andy Scrivani, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Salamone, Boston, Mass.

(Group 4)

Eddie Marcus, Los Angeles, Calif.; Marty Servo, Herkimer, N. Y.; Laurie Stevens, South Africa; Johnny Stevens, Cincinnati, Ohio; Jimmy Vaughn, Cleveland, Ohio; Jimmy Vaughan, England; Nunzio Bisogno, Newark, N. J.; Benny Bass, Philadelphia, Pa.

Jack Carrick, England; Cecil Hudson, San Jose, Calif.; Wishy Jones, Louisville, Ky.; Emil Joseph, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Larry Cisneros, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe Connolly, Scotland; Mickey Farber, New York City; Harry Hurst, Montreal, Canada.

Carmine Fatta, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dave Finn, England; Ginger Foran, England; Frankie Gilmore, Cincinnati, Ohio; Floyd Hagen, St. Paul, Minn.; Joe Hall, Australia; Clever Henry, Hawaii; Freddy Hunt, Washington Court House, Ohio.

Ronnie James, England; Tommy Hyams, England; Dave Lefton, San Francisco, Calif.; Jack Lydon, England; Johnny McGrory, Scotland; Al Roth, New York City; Johnny Rucker, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Honey Mellody, Boston, Mass.

Jorge Morelia, Mexico; Lloyd Pine, Akron, Ohio; Ray Price, Portland, Oregon; Norment Quarles, Hendersonville, N. C.; Johnny Rohrig, Clifton, N. J.; Tommy Roman, Bayonne, N. J.; Tony Sarullo, Philadelphia, Pa.

Eddie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Guy Serean, Hollywood, Calif.; Jack Sharkey, Jr., Union City, N. J.; Ray Sharkey, Cleveland, Ohio; Phil Sharkey, Newark, N. J.; Joe Stack, Philadelphia, Pa.; Buck Streator, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charley Varre, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Frankie Wallace, Cleveland, Ohio; Freddy Archer, Newark, N. J.; Teddy Baldwin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Billy Bullock, Washington, D. C.; Fighting Carlos, Philippines; Zeke Castro, Denver, Colo.; Sammy Julian, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lou Fortuna, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pete Galiano, Baltimore, Md.; Julio Gonzales, Puerto Rico; Ralph Griffin, Newark, Newark, N. J.; Lee Harper, New York City; Al Kimber, Australia; Bob King, Australia; Abe Kauffman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frank Farrington, Australia; Joe Echavarria, New York City.

Austin McCann, New York City; Sonny Simon, New York City; Tomboy Romero, Sacramento, Calif.; Chico Romo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe Perry, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charley Roberts, New York City.

Ray Robinson, New York City; Oliver White, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Danny Bartfield, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ray Campo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Cogman, Newark, N. J.; Frankie Conn, Newark, N. J.; Pedro Corchado, Puerto Rico; Victor Corchado, Puerto Rico; Mickey La Marr, New York City; Dusty Brown, Fall River, Mass.

Morris Reif, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Earl Fredericks, Lancaster, Pa.; Patsy Giovanelli, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ray Landis, Washington, D. C.; Bernie Manhoff, Philadelphia, Pa.; Angelo Rodano, Bridgeport, Conn.; David Cohen, New York City.

Featherweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.
2—Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Pete Scalzo, New York City.

(Group 2)

1—Bill Speary, Nanticoke, Pa.
2—Joe Marinelli, Dayton, Ohio.
3—Jimmy Perrin, New Orleans, La.
4—Larry Bolvin, Providence, R. I.
5—Sal Bartola, Boston, Mass.
6—Simon Chavez, Venezuela.
7—Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rico.
8—Richard Lemos, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Everette Rightmire, Sioux City, Iowa.
10—Bobby Ivy, Hartford, Conn.
11—Maxie Shapiro, New York City.
12—Nel Tarleton, England.
13—Al Mancini, Providence, R. I.
14—Nat Litfin, Pittsburgh, Pa.
15—Bobby Green, Philadelphia, Pa.
16—Joey Archibald, Providence, R. I.
17—Spider Armstrong, Toronto, Canada.
18—Al Reid, New York City.

(Group 3)

Bobby Ruffin, New York City; Jackie Taylor, Columbus, Ohio; Harold Hoskino, Seattle, Wash.; Verne Bybee, San Francisco, Calif.; Allie Stolz, Newark, N. J.; Tom Smith, England; Phil Zwick, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Marcus Pitts, Washington, D. C.; Danny La Verne, San Francisco, Calif.; Spider Kelly, Ireland.

Mike Raffa, Newell, W. Va.; Joey Iannotti, New York City; Billy Banks, Washington, D. C.; George Marsden, England; Frank Parkes, England; Charley Miegel, Kansas City, Mo.; Johnny Marcelline, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Paco Villa, Mexico; Abe Denner, Boston, Mass.

Vincenzo Dell Orto, Italy; Johnny Cusick, England; Frankie Covelli, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Morris Parker, Newark, N. J.; Benny Caplan, Ireland; Jackie Callura, Toronto, Canada; Johnny Brown, Chicago, Ill.; Al Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Len Beynon, England; Frankie Bove, England; Lou Barbetta, New York City; Terry McStravick, Ireland; Gene Espinoza, Los Angeles, Calif.; Young Gildo, Philippines; Jimmy Gilligan, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jackie Rankin, England; Monty Pignatore, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Curley St. Angelo, New York City; Andy Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Walker, England; Memo Llanes, Los Angeles, Calif.; Paul Lee, Indianapolis, Ind.

(Group 4)

Young Casanova, Mexico; Joe Conde, Mexico; Matt Perfetti, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Pete De Grasse, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Johnny Forte, Philadelphia, Pa.; Christobal Jaramillo, Puerto Rico; Snooks Lacey, New Haven, Conn.

Sammy La Porte, Baltimore, Md.; Billy Charlton, England; Lou Constantino, New York City; Johnny Compo, New Haven, Conn.; Dom Fiantini, Reading, Pa.; Eddie Dempsey, Chicago, Ill.; Lawrence Gunn, Baltimore, Md.; Sammy Garcia, Boston, Mass.

Chico Hernandez, Houston, Texas; Henry Huerta, Peoria, Ill.; Jimmy Hatcher, Lake City, S. C.; Tony Costa, Woonsocket, R. I.; Joe Catalfamo, Baltimore, Md.; Bobby Woods, Baltimore, Md.; Vernon Woodland, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sammy Venti, New York City; Nick Spano, Philadelphia, Pa.; Norman Silvers, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Aaron Seltzer, New York City.

Lou Lauria, Cleveland, Ohio; Curley Nichols, New York City; Cyril Joseph, New York City; Tony Tedesco, Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry Vasquez, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ted Christie, New York City; Jimmy Collins, Baltimore, Md.; Davey Crawford, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jimmy Chapman, Edmonton, Canada; Frank Zezima, Stamford, Conn.

Bantamweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Tony Olivera, Oakland, Calif.
2—Lou Salica, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(Group 2)

1—Tommy Forte, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Kui Kong Young, Hawaii.
3—Kid Tanner, British Guiana.
4—Chick Delaney, Oakland, Calif.
5—Rush Dalma, Philippine Islands.
6—Georgie Pace, Cleveland, Ohio.
7—Peter Kane, England.
8—Pablo Dano, Philippine Islands.
9—K. O. Morgan, Detroit, Mich.
10—Aurel Toma, Roumania.

(Group 3)

Mickey Miller, Australia; Johnny King, England; Tommy Kiene, Savannah, Ga.; Benny Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.; Freddy Pope, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Juliano, Paterson, N. J.; Pancho Villa, Mexico; Jim Hayes, England; Jimmy Lyden, Ireland; Tommy Burns, England; Black Joe, Hawaii; Henry Hook, Indianapolis, Ind.; Horace Mann, San Jose, Calif.

Nat Corum, Los Angeles, Calif.; Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Phil Milligan, England; Bobby Magee, England; Elwood Romero, Los Angeles, Calif.; Harold Bell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Gaudes, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Frankie Donato, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carlos Cuebas, Puerto Rico.

Flyweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Jackie Paterson, Scotland.
2—Little Pancho, Philippine Islands.
3—Little Dado, Philippine Islands.
4—Enrico Urbinati, Italy.

(Group 2)

Manuel Ortiz, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Stewart, Scotland; Jackie Jurich, San Jose, Calif.; Small Montana, Philippine Islands; Paddy Ryan, England; Jimmy Gill, England.

Tiny Bostock, England; Joe Curran, England; Rinty Monoghan, Ireland; Jimmy Stubbs, England; Dudley Lewis, England; Johnny Boon, England; Frank Bonser, England; Pierce Ellis, England; Eric Jones, England; Pat Palmer, England; Willie Smith, England; Desse Green, Montreal.

HOLYOKE NEWS

By GEORGE KID ROSS

JIMMY ACE CLARK of Springfield beat Marty Gordon of New York in an eight-rounder on the Mann vs. Hobo Williams card at New Haven. Clark lost to Lee Q. Murray at New Britain the week before the Gordon fight.

Danny Williams, a promising welterweight a year ago, is having trouble with rheumatism. Last year he beat Popeye O'Coin of Marlboro.

Harry Borden of the Holyoke Gym, whose home address is 327 Dwight St., Holyoke, Mass., is looking for a few middleweights who are unattached and willing to come to Holyoke and train. He will train and board them, if they are serious and determined to make boxing a career. Send clippings and picture in your first letter and save time. . . . Beau Jack of Springfield is developing into a pretty good fighter. He scored over Jimmy Fox in his last Holyoke appearance. . . . Gene Brown of Holyoke won two straight fights at the Valley Arena. He is now making his home here. . . . Mickey Canty of Springfield, the classiest boxer Springfield has turned out, beat Joe Gans at New Bedford, Mass., for his 16th straight victory. . . . Joe DeMaria is the matchmaker at the Valley Arena, Holyoke. He is featuring six-round main bouts in the hope of developing a few good cards for longer fights later on. The fans seem to be going strong for these new talent shows.

The Valley Arena stages wrestling on Wednesday nights, weekly. . . . The Westover airbase in Chicopee, Mass., has a few young fighters who will be seen on the Valley Arena cards shortly. They train at the Holyoke Gym. . . . The Joe Louis vs. Al McCoy fight is the first heavyweight championship fight for Massachusetts.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Billy Conn Earns Right to Contender's Post
Davis' Punishment a Lesson For Other Boxers
Burman, Godoy and Simon Gain Title Shots

WHEN Billy Conn came through with a one-sided victory over Lee Savold in Madison Square Garden, he displayed the brand of cleverness that only a master of scientific boxing could exhibit, and hurdled one more obstacle in his climb to a post as challenger for Joe Louis' title. His victory proved several things, among them that Conn is the cleverest heavyweight in the field today. He rates in that respect close up with Jim Corbett, Tommy Loughran and Gene Tunney.

It also proved that Handsome Billy, the light-heavyweight king, can take the measure of every heavyweight in the field of contenders with the possible exception of Max Baer, by outpointing them, by making them miss as he did Savold and by sticking his tantalyzing jabs into the face of his prospective victim.

His triumph also brought out the fact that though Conn has no wallop such as is necessary against a devastating puncher like Louis, he cannot be ignored as a challenger, if he chooses to risk his bones in such a battle. Granted that Conn lacks the wallop, and is frail, as heavyweights go, he has convinced the fight fans and the scribes that as heavyweights measure up at this date, the Pittsburgher ranks head and heels above those who seem better fitted, physically, to risk a fight with the Brown Bomber.

That being the case, how can Conn be ignored if he insists that he be given that opportunity, one he has earned by virtue of his elimination via the knockout route of Bob Pastor, a ranking heavyweight, and followed by beating Savold, then rated as fifth ranking heavyweight. It just cannot be done. We must face the facts. Conn is a contender whether you like him as a heavyweight or not.

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IN his fight with Lee, Conn put everything he had into his punches, yet couldn't even stagger his man. He not only couldn't floor Savold, but couldn't even rock him and as a result, the impression he made was that his only chance against a man like Louis will be to keep out of Joe's range and box him at all times. Conn frequently left himself wide open, and against a man like Louis this would have been suicidal.

As the fight progressed, Billy's accuracy became more deadly but he lost considerable of his speed. His jabs were perfect. They hit the target, Savold's face, with telling effect. Lee was befuddled. At times he stood and didn't even attempt to toss a punch while his opponent peppered him with jabs and hooks and brought the claret from nose and mouth. Billy suffered some bleeding also, from a few hard wallops sent his way.

Despite the fact that Conn gave away almost thirteen pounds, he took all that Savold offered—the little that it was—and instead of backing away, as had been predicted, he even exchanged blows at close range just to show that he wasn't afraid of any heavyweight. It was Savold, not Bill, who did the back stepping.

Conn won all of the first nine rounds. In fact, he took all but one round, and lost one for a low punch, the eleventh. That was the one session in which Savold cut loose with a barrage, but he met a fearless opponent in Conn, who decided to punch it out with him and while doing so Billy accidentally hit low to lose the round he otherwise would have won.

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THE fight was not much to look at from a point of view of sensational milling, but it was a mighty pretty exhibition so far as cleverness was concerned, with Billy being the exhibitor. The contest proved, as already said, that no matter what we might think of Billy as a fit opponent for Louis, he at least has earned the right to try. His cleverness, as in the case of Jim Corbett and Gene Tunney, places him above most of the heavyweight crop clamoring for recognition as contenders.

With Arturo Godoy's victory over Tony Musto in a thrilling fight in Cleveland in which Godoy floored his man three times and was himself dropped once, the Chilean completed a rather successful American campaign for the year, despite his two defeats at the hands of Joe Louis. With the scarcity of good heavyweights, and the difficulty Mike Jacobs is having in making selections of opponents for the Brown Bomber for the coming year, Godoy stands out with Max Baer, Red Burman and Billy Conn as one of the fighters who has qualified for a title shot. Thus Godoy will have the unusual role of facing the same champion three times in less than a year.

Fritzie Zivic, welterweight champion, receives belt from Nat Fleischer, Publisher of THE RING. *This was the 102nd championship belt awarded by* THE RING *since 1922.*

Clever Billy Conn snaps back the head of Lee Savold with a short left hook to the jaw. Note the bruises on Lee's face as a result of a steady tattoo of Billy's left.

Jacobs, satisfied by the showing of Godoy against Musto, that Arturo rates another chance, has signed Godoy for a title shot in Los Angeles in April, and closed for a title bout between Red Burman and Louis for the Garden for January 31. Then comes one with Abe Simon in Detroit in March. Conn has already been assured the June bout, and Baer is being offered a bout to complete the first half year's schedule for the Brown Bomber.

Never in the history of boxing since Sullivan's days, has a heavyweight king consented to so many defenses of his crown. Louis will go down in ring history as the most active heavyweight champion of all time.

In selecting Burman as an opponent for Joe's first 1941 bout, Mike Jacobs has listened to the arguments advanced in favor of Red, who has earned a shot, even though his chances of victory are no better than those of every other heavyweight who has faced Joe. At least Burman rates far higher than those who have preceded him to the slaughter, with the exception of two or three, Godoy, Farr and possibly Pastor. The fans may not see Burman win, but they will see an honest-to-goodness scrap—of that I'm certain.

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WHEN the New York State Boxing Commission revoked the license of Al Davis and fined him $2,500, it served notice to the boxing world that so far as the Empire State was concerned, those who engage in the sport must conduct themselves as gentlemen or retire to other fields for a livelihood. The punishment meted out to Davis, though considered too severe by some critics, in my opinion, was justified.

Boxing can well do without the services of Bummy Davis. The sport, like baseball, the two most popular in America, has its idols and to those, the youth of this great country look for its inspiration. The kids who follow baseball and boxing look upon the "big shots" in each sport as their heroes. And for that reason those idols, the men who have reached the top, must conduct themselves as gentlemen. They must carry themselves in a manner befitting their station. As champions or top-notchers, these idols must keep in mind the debt they owe to the public, those who have made it possible for the boxer or ball player to carry on.

When, as in the case of Bummy Davis, that trust is cast aside and rowdyism takes the place of sportsmanship, then the usefulness of the man in the uplift of the sport of which he is a part, is gone. I like to think of boxing as more than merely a commercial enterprise. Like others who follow the sport, I realize that those who engage in it, do so primarily for the financial return. But that return cannot be big unless the pugilist possesses the attributes of a great fighter—punching power, cleverness, courage, color and sportsmanship. No fighter who fails to live up to the standard of sportsmanship can hope to keep the respect of those who pay the freight.

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GRANTED that Davis was roughed by Zivic in the first round, that was no reason for Bummy taking matters in his own hands in the second session in which he tried his best to maim his opponent by the foulest kind of fighting that has come to my attention in more than thirty-five years of association with the sport. Nine successive fouls, all well below the belt line, a number struck with an upward swing that enabled the punch to land beneath the protective cup, earned for Davis the revocation of his license and the *(Continued on page 45)*

Jenkins at His Best

Scrawny Texan Lightweight King is Hailed the Joe Louis of His Division After Clouting Pete Lello Into Submission in Championship Fight

By "THE RING" EDITOR

OUTSIDE of Joe Louis, there isn't a fighter in any division who can sock with the force of Lew Jenkins, world lightweight champion. The title holder from Sweetwater, Texas, demonstrated that to a gathering of 13,933, who paid a net of $26,969, when he avenged a previous knockout by Pete Lello, by halting Pete in 2.37 of the second round in Madison Square Garden. The rangy Texan, as in the case of Joe Louis, his counterpart in the heavyweight division, again proved that given a target which he can hit, no lightweight can stand up against him. While Lew is far from being a great fighter, he can hit as hard or harder than any lightweight seen in New York in twenty years.

Jenkins, scaling only 131¾ pounds, the lowest he has made as a lightweight, came into the ring looking emaciated. Were he not the world champion, his sickly looking appearance would have aroused public sympathy. But appearances often are deceiving, as Lew convinced the Garden throng once he cut loose with his bombardment of hooks that landed flush on the chin of his Chicago opponent to remove the shadow cast by Pete over Lew when he kayoed the Texan a year before Jenkins won the crown.

By scoring a quick knockout with lethal wallops, Jenkins removed also the sour taste from boxing that lingered after the Davis-Zivic brawl. It was just the tonic the sport needed. It did a lot of good for the boxing game in addition to putting Jenkins back into the good graces of those who held him up to ridicule after his defeat by Henry Armstrong.

Jenkins, the enigma of the prize ring, performed like a real champion. The anaemic looking champ with the sock of a Brown Bomber, gained an army of supporters by his performance, many of them, the hard-boiled type that "hail from Missouri" and must be shown before they are willing to acknowledge the possession of true fighting qualities. It's a feather in the cap of any fighter who can convert a New York's critical fight gathering and Lew Jenkins did just that!

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AFTER the foul fighting of Al Davis with the subsequent loss of his boxing license, and the trouble into which Jenkins' manager, Hymie Caplin fell, it was a treat to see an honest-to-goodness scrap, with all the thrills, bring back a savory odor to the sport. A few more such fights and the fans will forget those who have brought boxing into disrepute.

There was little in the first round to indicate what was in store for the fight followers in the second and last session. The boys went about their job in an easy going manner, each feeling out the other. The action was not of the type to arouse a deep interest. Only occasional blows were landed, and they were not of the devastating kind. Jenkins earned the round by a small margin.

Then came two minutes of top heavy action that was as devastating as it was convincing of the superiority of the champ over his challenger. Four times in that round Lello hit the canvas and were it not for the timely interference by Referee Arthur Donovan, he would have gone down a fifth. On the last down, Donovan came to the rescue and halted proceedings, with Lew the winner.

Lello, who had knocked out Jenkins in Chicago, didn't stand a chance against Lew, the champion. The wiry, grim-visaged former cavalryman from Texas, landed those thunderous taps to the chin with such effectiveness, they dimmed Lello's eyes, numbed his brain and gave him the feeling of a rum-soaked Boweryite. Shorn of his senses, he reeled toward his opponent with a broad grin decorating his map. His appearance was that usually seen on faces of boxers who are badly hurt.

FOLLOWING a snappy exchange halfway through the second stanza, Jenkins suddenly speared a left hook to the chin and down went Pete. At nine, he came to his feet, but was wabbly. The referee jumped between him and the oncoming Jenkins, but before Pete could get his bearings, he was dumped to the canvas again with a right to the head.

The "killer" instinct in Jenkins had been aroused. Once he has his man stung, there is no stopping him. He has demonstrated that in previous fights.

While Referee Donovan was tolling off the seconds, Jenkins, his jaws set, face grim, fists poised for renewed action, stood eyeing his opponent. He watched like a hawk over his prey.

At eight, up came Lello. This time he was literally out on his feet. With a grin that made him look like a caricature, he stumbled about while Referee Donovan, trying to give him an opportunity to regain his equilibrium, kept rubbing Pete's glove to rid it of the resin.

But Jenkins, with a mean look in his eyes, refused to give his prey time to recuperate. He rushed in and even before Donovan could complete the job, Lew, passing up no chances, let shoot a right that went over the shoulder of Donovan and landed flush on the chin of Lello. Down he went for the third time.

Although Lello and his mentor later accused Jenkins of putting across a sneak punch, one couldn't very well penalize Jenkins because of the tenseness of the situation. He was on his toes, sensing victory and might have lost his head in rushing in too quickly.

That punch practically ended the battle. It was a beauty and took all the starch out of the challenger. Lello declared in his dressing room that he never recovered from that blow, though he knew what he was doing following the other two knockdowns.

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ON that "sneak punch," as Lello called it, Jenkins showed his killer instinct. He just couldn't hold back, once he realized that his victim was ready to pass out of the picture. As Donovan started to count over Pete, Lew crouched in a neutral corner, straining as the referee warned him not to come out too soon.

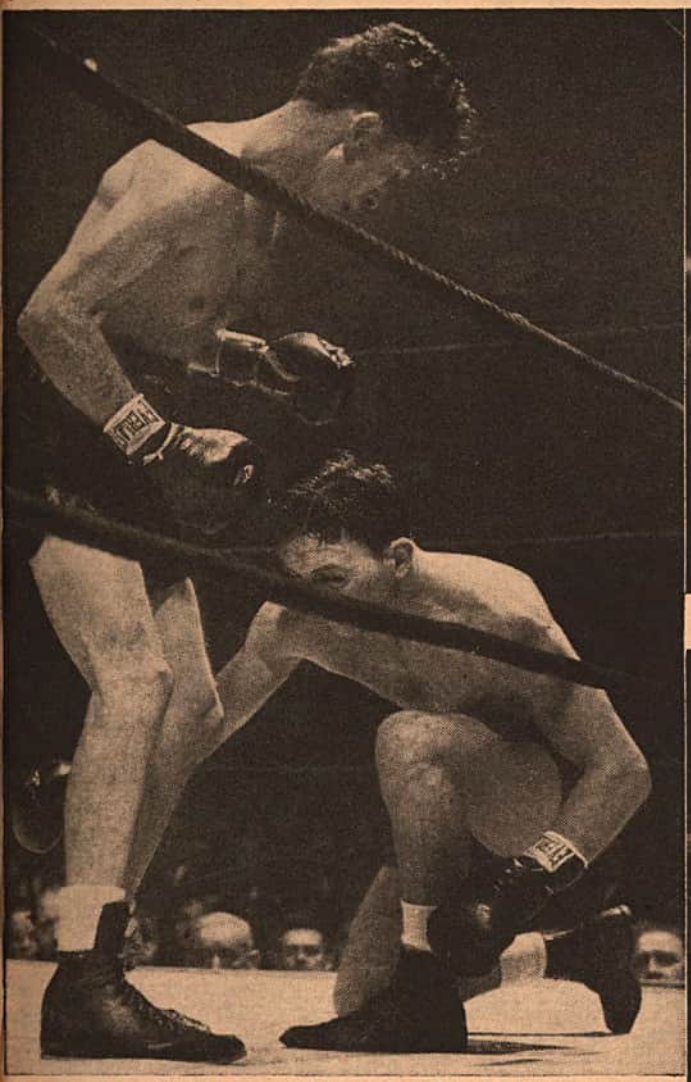
When Lello finally got to his feet at the count of nine, he was unsteady. It appeared he would topple over without being hit again. Jenkins was at him in a jiffy. He gave Pete no quarter. A right and left crashed against the Chicagoan's jaw. Down he went while the crowd roared. This time he took nine to get to his feet. It was apparent that a few more shots from Jenkins' T.N.T. fists might prove fatal and Referee Donovan was ready to intercede.

With Lello laughing foolishly, the grin of one who didn't know what he was doing, Jenkins set sail for the finish. His foe was wabbly and ready to fall, when Lew flailed home with a fusillade of punishing lefts and rights to an unprotected jaw. Pete caved in under the avalanche. He went down in Jenkins' corner with his left leg twisted under him. He reached up and grasped the rope, but couldn't raise himself as Donovan called a halt.

It was a great hitting performance by the champion, who not only redeemed himself for his poor showing against Henry Armstrong, but helped boxing to right itself with the public following the black eye the sport received in the Davis-Zivic bout.

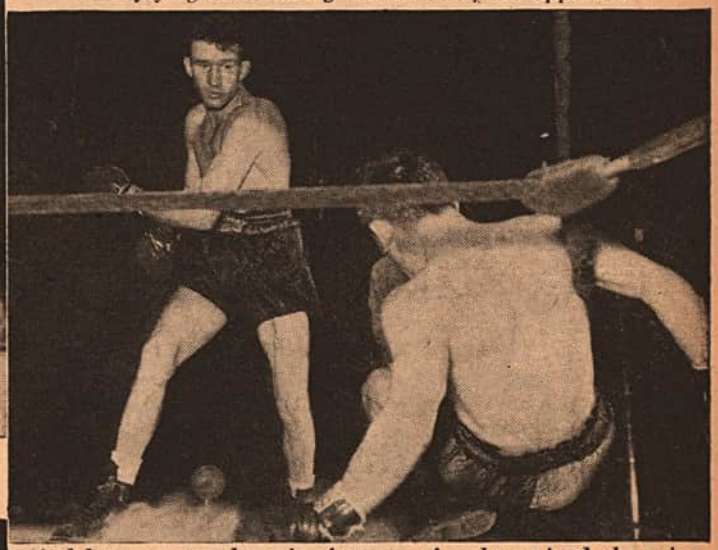
Jenkins may not be a great fighter, but it cannot be said of him that he is not a great, powerful hitter. In that one respect he takes his place with the toughest punchers in his division in recent years. So long as the scrawny Texan can deliver the wallop, he'll pack 'em in whenever he fights.

A CHAMP RETAINS TITLE

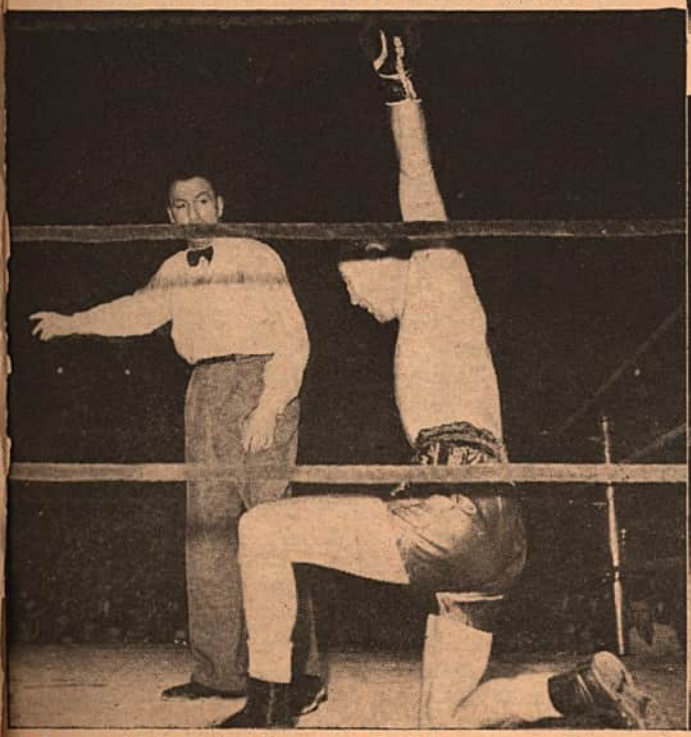


First down and three to go. Champion Lew Jenkins has just applied the first murderous punch in the second round and Pete Lello is on the canvas for a count of nine.

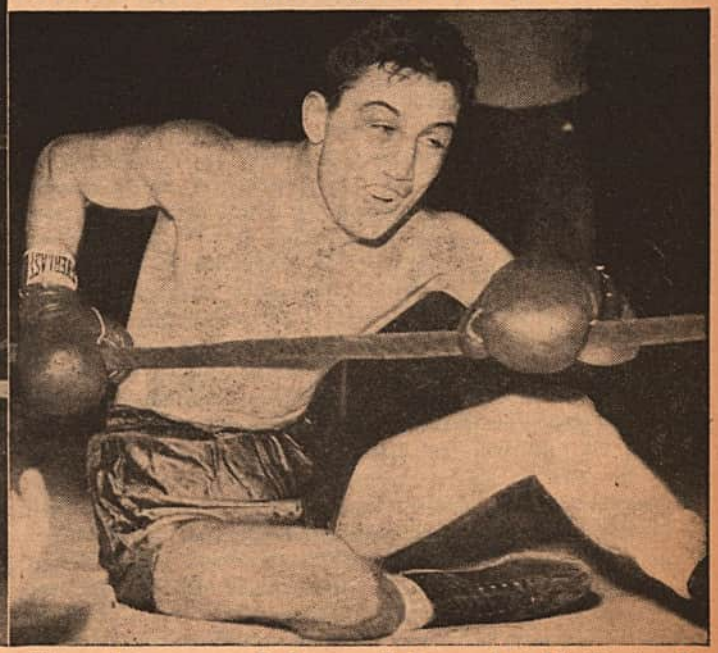
The second knockdown found Lello laughing as though he was enjoying the clouting exhibition of his opponent.



And here we see the grim features of a determined champion, as he awaits the result following Lello's third crash to the canvas.



A shower of lefts and rights struck Lello's unprotected jaw and crashed Pete down in Jenkins' corner for the fourth down, with his left leg twisted under him and a broad grin on his face.



When the count reached seven, Lello reached blindly for the ropes to raise himself, but Referee Donovan stepped in and halted the bout.

DRAMATIC "KAYOES"

Many Knockdowns and Quick Knockouts Thrilled Fans in 1940—Salica Holds Year's Record With Nine in Bout With Small Montana—Jenkins Floored Six Times in Bout With Armstrong— Seven Downs Scored by Paul Junior in Mill With Mellody

By TED CARROLL

LIKE lightning flashes on a darkened sky, a flock of quick dramatic kayoes featured an otherwise mediocre year in the world of pugilism. From the standpoint of big money matches, the year was a very ordinary one.

While several youngsters such as Steve Belloise, Jimmy Bivins and Tami Mauriello give promise of becoming welcome additions to the list of the ring's great fighters, no one appeared on the scene save Billy Conn, worthy of being classed with the great names of the past during the year of 1940.

The only touch of color to an otherwise drab picture proved to be the sensationally quick finishes engineered by the dynamite laden fists of Lew Jenkins, Belloise, Baer, and a few others, in short time knockouts during the last twelve months.

Standing out as a rapid fire kayo specialist was the scrawny ex-cavalryman, Lew Jenkins, present World's Lightweight champion who figured in four suddenly ended arguments. But for his reverse at the hands of Armstrong, Jenkins would have shaped up as a formidable candidate for all time ranking in the list of great lightweights because of his sudden-death punching powers, and there is still a possibility that the Texan may attain such rank before his ring days are done.

In spite of his collapse before the heavier Armstrong, Jenkins is regarded as one of the most dangerous punching lightweights in ring history. The skin and bones battler, resembles a striking cobra by the suddenness and deadliness of his blows. A false move or the slightest opening, is usually fatal to anyone in there with the man from Texas, and once Jenkins gets his man going, he is as effective a finisher as the lethal Louis himself.

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MERCILESS and quick to take advantage of any opportunity, Jenkins is at his deadly best in the early rounds. Lew took time out from his big time appearances long enough to do his stuff before the home folks down Texas way just once that year. He made his home coming a most auspicious one when he required just two punches and 3 seconds of fighting to finish off a one time conqueror, Chino Alvarez, on Jan. 30, down in Dallas.

Clever Tippy Larkin fared little better in his abbreviated embroglio with the present lightweight incumbent. Just 2 minutes and 4 seconds after the opening gong, the Jersey boy was dead to the world, a one-round victim of Jenkins' hitting.

Pete Lello lasted two heats, but his extinction was as sudden and complete as the others once the south westerner got the range and commenced firing. What made this last one unique, was the 1939 knockout chalked up over Jenkins by the Gary boy. His trick of turning the tables on a former knockout conqueror, moved Jenkins into the illustrious company of Stanley Ketchel, Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey and Joe Gans, each of whom squared matters with men who had flattened them previously.

Jenkins used up almost three rounds in his most spectacular and most important contest against Lou Ambers, last May. Still a three round fight qualifies when quick finishes are the topic of discussion and as this bout is the one that made Jenkins champion, it must be rated the most sensational knockout of the year as well as one of the shortest.

On the strength of these shattering performances, Jenkins despite the Armstrong disaster, seems clearly entitled to top honors as the outstanding knockout artist of the year.

Second honors in the kayo sweepstakes now belong to the youthful bomber from New York's Bronx, Steve Belloise. Spidery Steve hit the Kayo jackpot for one round knockouts three times during the past year, an unparalleled string for a boxer of prominence. Steve turned the trick for the first time in the White Plains Community Center on March 26, when he banged out Irish Eddie Dunne less than a minute after the start of hostilities before a jammed gathering.

Rough Vic Dellicurti, who had never even been on the deck before, was the next quick casualty on Steve's knockout list. This happened in the Garden last May and established Belloise, as one of the ring's most devastating hitters.

Steve picked a grand setting for the third one-round application of his knockout drops. Before a Yankee Stadium crowd in the semi-final to the Joe Louis-Arturo Godoy title match, he blasted Wicky Harkins out of the picture in the initial stanza.

Belloise combines great hitting powers with a weirdly clever style. His terrific punches come from the oddest angles. This makes him one of the most dangerous boxers in the game today. Still little more than a novice in point of experience Belloise should go on to many more records for quick knockouts in the years to come.

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OUR old friend Maxie Baer bobbed back into this kayo picture with his speedy erasure of young Pat Comiskey from the contending scene. Madcap Max whistled one of his celebrated rights through the chill Jersey atmosphere, dumped Patrick on his silken panties, and won himself among other things, a part in a Broadway production.

Baer required little more than two minutes to prove Pat was in over his head, and this was the most sensational ending to a bout between big fellows in 1940. For a fellow who seemed on the way out as far back as 1935, Baer rates a lot of credit for figuring in any resumé of 1940's highlights.

The younger of the Baer Brothers who usually wins in the first round or not at all, edges his 250 pounds into the 1940 parade of fast finishes with that one round blackout of sad-panned Valentin Campolo, the glum Gaucho who went into a tailspin with the first ramrod right the younger Baer landed on his dolefu expression.

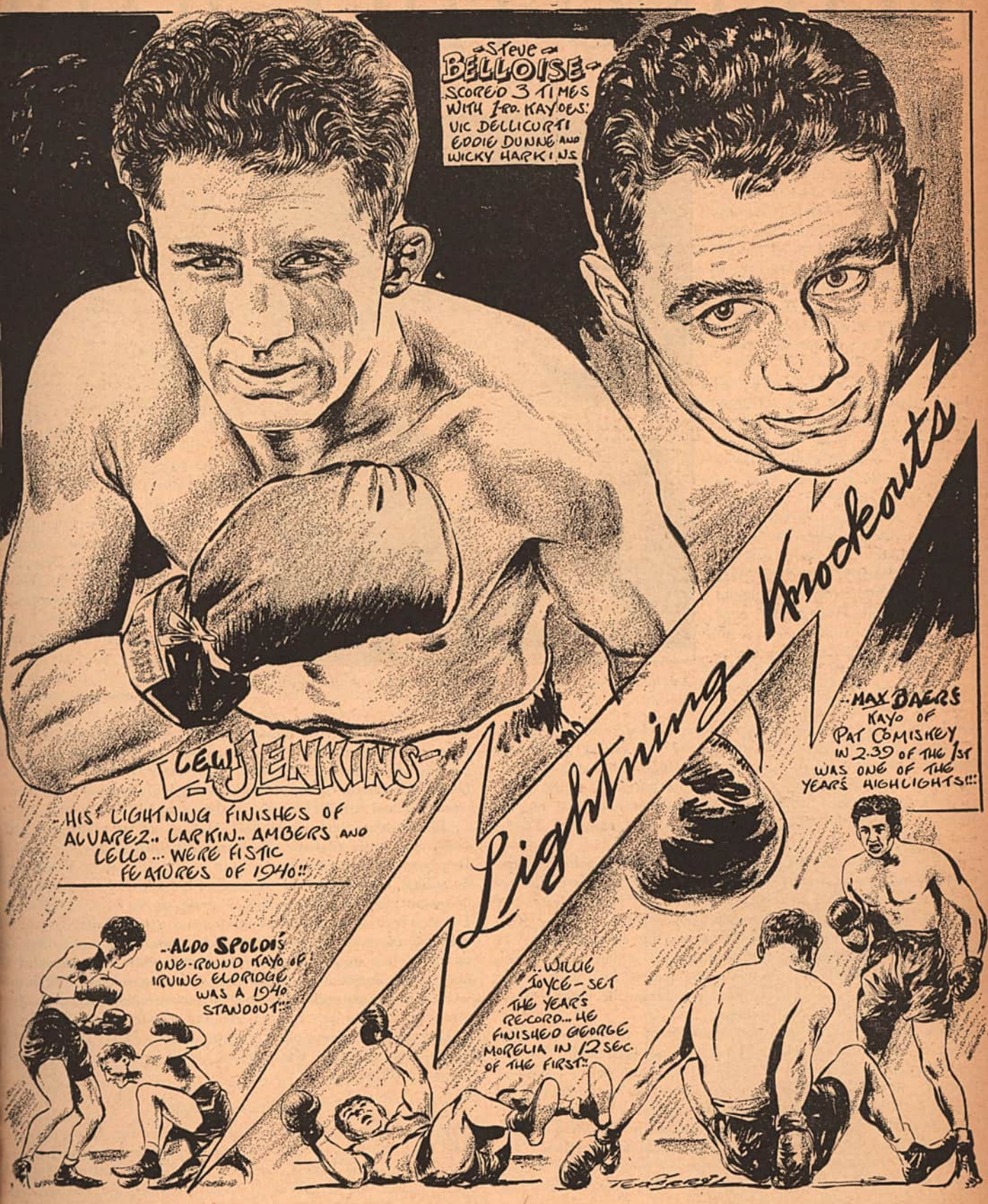
This took place on June 6, and was over almost before the customers had settled down in their Garden seats.

Fritzie Zivic wasted little time disposing of Saverio Turiello and Johnny Rinaldi, in one round knockouts over both in Pittsburgh. Fair fighters both, the youngest of the Zivics turned in pair of noteworthy feats in stopping them so rapidly.

Zivic who was a particular favorite of fortune in 1940, also figured in what many rate the outstanding fight of the year. His title winning effort against Henry Armstrong, had a most sensational finish for a climax. As the final gong sounded, Homicide Hank pitched forward on his face, being saved from a kayo by the final bell of the 15 round bout.

This stirring climax made the Zivic-Armstrong embroglio the outstanding bout of the year for a dramatic finish.

The record for the year in the quick kayo department was turned in by Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind. ace, who topped Jenkins' disposal of Alvarez by just one second when he nudged one George Morelia into dreamland in just 2 seconds of actua fighting on Aug. 7. The kayo count brought the total elapsed tim



of the contest to 12 seconds. Jenkins needed 13 to square things with Alvarez.

Cleveland's comer, Jimmy Bivins, used up all of 17 seconds finishing Larry Kellum in Pittsburgh on September 23rd, and the veteran Paul Junior stopped Boston's Honey Mellody in 1.03 of the first on February 8th for another snappy ending.

One of the outstanding quick knockouts of the year waited for the waning days of 1940 before being inscribed on the record. On November 25th, Aldo Spoldi landed right on Champion Lew Jenkins' doorstep when he flattened the clever and capable Irving Eldridge in 1 minute and 50 seconds of the first round at the old St. Nicks in New York.

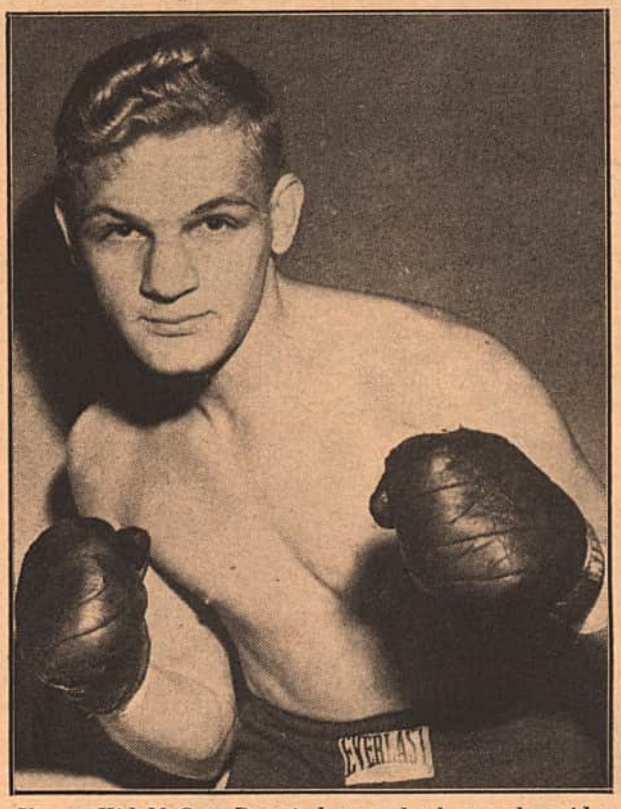
The former European lightweight champion had shown traces of fistic decay in some of his recent bouts, and his unexpected display of his old time punching prowess, was welcomed by the fans, as the pleasant Italian is one (Continued on page 42)

MAKING THE GRADE

By FRED EISENSTADT

WHEN Kid McCoy, one of the cleverest and trickiest boxers the ring ever knew, first saw a youngster named Adam Pianga in an amateur fight, he nodded his shrewd head in serious approval. Later, when McCoy discovered that Pianga was, like himself, employed by the Ford Motor-car Company in Dearborn, Mich., he took young Adam under his wing and began to teach him the science of boxing and as many fistic tricks as was possible for a boy to learn.

McCoy, who has since passed away, spent much time drilling Pianga to master the art of feinting, side-stepping a blow, shooting a sharp jab and ducking under a swing. McCoy showed him the proper way to hook with a left, how to toss a short right over a left lead, gave him valuable points on how to block with open gloves, forearms, shoulders. Finally, when the great former middleweight champion thought Adam Pianga had consumed sufficient fistic knowledge to oppose real competition, he presented the lad with the honorable and glorious name of "Young Kid McCoy"—a mark of high praise and great confidence and under that name, the kid now fights.



Young Kid McCoy, Detroit boxer who has made strides during the past year.

Young Kid McCoy, who worshipped his friend and tutor, certainly has not failed him. The intelligent blond youngster has made good, despite his recent defeat in California at the hands of Jack Larrimore in 10 rounds. His fervent hope and biggest aim is to attach the word "Champion" to the name of Young Kid McCoy.

Born on June 19, 1919, in Detroit, the town which gave the world heavyweight champ, Joe Louis, the slim youngster graduated public school and entered Fordson High. "It was there that the boxing bug bit me," related the pleasant-faced Young Kid. He was in his dressing-room, lying on the rubbing table. Al Silvani was massaging his slim body, a body which boasts of no wide shoulders or bulging muscles. The Kid is wiry and strong, built for speedy action, quick, hard punching—the swift-moving boxer type rather than the slugger.

"Johnny MacIntyre, one-time lightweight and welterweight champion of Canada, took an interest in me because in spite of my being small and skinny—I weighed 107 pounds then—I showed a strong inclination to box and even a stronger determination to become a champion," said McCoy in his interview for THE RING. "So MacIntyre took charge of me, trained and taught me what to do with my fists," Young McCoy explained further. "He handled me during my amateur career of seven bouts. I won the Golden Gloves Flyweight title after engaging in only six amateur fights. That was in 1937.

"After graduating Fordson High," resumed the well-mannered young man, "I got a job at the Ford plant. My salary, however, was none too large so I was by no means satisfied. You see, my father died when I was only seven and it was a terrific strain on my mother to work in order to raise five children with some degree of comfort. Therefore, six months after I started to work —that was in Sept. 1938—I entered the professional ranks as a fighter. The additional money I earned in the ring, sure helped Mother — and it made me feel grand to ease her strain and worry," concluded McCoy.

During the two years he was employed in the Ford auto factory, Young Kid McCoy had 37 ring battles, and since quitting his job to devote all his time to his fistic career—and to perpetuate the memorable name of "Kid McCoy" by superlative pugilistic performances, he has had ten bouts more. As a lightweight, he defeated Billy Marquart, a good boy. Then McCoy fought a draw with Pete Lello, the man who first kayoed Lew Jenkins and a few weeks ago was stopped by the lightweight king. McCoy also beat Tommy Spiegel, Gene Spence, K. O. Morgan and others.

As a welter, Young Kid McCoy took the measure of Irish Eddie Dunne and outboxed Jack Larrimore who recently beat the Kid in a return bout. When you take into consideration the fact that Larrimore triumphed over such worthies as Joe Spangler, Johnny Dean, Buster Carroll, Wild Bill McDowell, Bobby Britton and other outstanding scrappers, that makes Young Kid McCoy a fisticuffer of high rank.

He is managed by Joe Gould, the man who performed the miracle of making a world's champion out of James J. Braddock. In Young Kid McCoy, the shrewd little manager has a lad of great promise, a clever youngster thoroughly schooled in the art of pugilism, a gamester who is determined to become champion of his division for a high ideal as well as for what joy and satisfaction it may bring to him personally.

"It makes me feel good," said McCoy, as we closed our interview, "to realize that my ring earning helped to buy our home in Dearborn, and that my mother can now take it easy. You know," he smiled, "she was dead set against my becoming a professional boxer—at first. And now that I think of it, I can't blame her. I was a frail sort of a kid and she was afraid I might get hurt. Like all mothers, she worried about possible injuries. But my mother is no longer worried about me when I'm scheduled to fight. She's almost as confident of my winning as I am. I think that when it comes to deciding who is my most enthusiastic rooter, it's a toss-up between my mother and my manager, Joe Gould."

An intelligent young man, a devoted son, a clever and ambitious boxer—that's Young Kid McCoy. He'll go a long way in his chosen profession.

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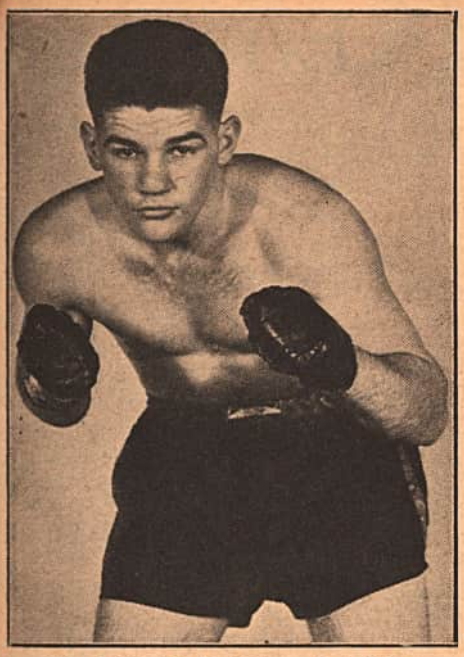
Alfred "Red" Moffett

WHEN George Russo matched his promising young prospect Red Moffett, to fight the experienced and terrific-punching lightweight, Julie Kogon, not only was George ridiculed but also accused of being a heartless, "they-can't-hurt-us" kind of fight manager. The New Haven sports writers gave Russo an unmerciful razzing. Some of them advised him to visit a mental analyst before venturing to make matches for a kid with such a bright future.

One sympathetic scribe, criticizing the match, wrote: "since this is Red Moffett's first 8-round bout, it is a pity he is matched with Kogan. Surely Mr. Russo can obtain a good local boy to oppose Moffett in his initial main event without sending his boy to a sure slaughter. Because tossing Red in against a devastating walloper like Kogon, is sending the youngster to fistic oblivion



Alfred "Red" Moffett, a fast-rising young 140-pounder.

even before he has had the opportunity to get under way. For shame, George Russo!"

But the little manager — a good featherweight himself some years back — grinned, shrugged and said: "I know the ability of my protege better than anybody in the work. I'm certainly not so stupid as to deliberately ruin the prospects of a kid I've spent years teaching how to fight. Moffett can take everything Kogon has, come in for more and then beat him. I'm sure he can. He is rough and tough and trained to the minute. I have boxed with the kid, prepared him to take good wallops as well as to deliver them and I know he can lick Julie."

That Russo was right, was established when rugged Red Moffett defeated the crafty clouter, Julie Kogon, on the evening of December 12, 1939. When you take into consideration the fact that Kogon knocked out Tony Marteliano, Frankie Wallace, Austin McCann, Eddie Dunne, Jimmy Murray, Honey Mellody, Victor Troise and triumphed over Pete Scalzo, N.B.A. feather king; beating Julie Kogon was no small achievement for a kid like Moffett. About six months later, in order to convince the skeptics that Red's victory over the Hebrew belter was no accident, and that Moffett was indisputably Kogon's master, Russo matched the pair to battle a return go, and this time Moffett licked Kogon more decisively than the first time. Moffett was born April 13, 1921, in Devon, Conn., and christened Alfred Moffett. During his three years at high school, he engaged in 78 amateur bouts—losing only to Willie Andrews, whom he later kayoed in one round in a pro fight.

Red entered the money class when he reached 18, and in one year, battled 29 times—dropping one decision and boxing one draw. His outstanding fistic feat was scoring a one-round kayo over Yucatan Kid. Moffett has also triumphed over Joe DeJessus, Domenick Deci, Felix Garcia and other tough lads. The pug-nosed little Irish battler has the kind of fistic style fans invariably go out of their way to see, a thrilling milling style that has been likened to that of Ace Hudkins.

He can box, shoot swift jabs and hooks, and can step around and show surprising skill with his fists. This red-headed whirlwind has amazing vitality and can go at top speed for ten or fifteen rounds. Fight critics say that Red is a composite of Hammering Henry Armstrong and clever, hard-hitting Jimmy McLarnin.

Moffett is the youngest of two brothers and one sister. Red's father, who used to work on a fishing boat, but is now unemployed, is highly enthusiastic about his son's fistic career. Red's mother, who strenuously objected to her "baby" taking up fighting as a profession, is not only fully convinced now that her boy can take good care of himself but even listens to the radio when Red's battles are broadcast. She no longer worries that Alfred might be hurt, or even defeated—so accustomed has she become to his winning his fights.

Moffett has been employed as a grocery clerk. He has also worked on a farm. "Outdoor work, ploughing a field, planting or pitching hay in the hot sun, is the best health-builder in the world," says Red. "I sure like it," he explained with a grin. "Although I'm now attending State Trade School, taking up sheet metal working and riveting, and have been promised a job at the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, I'll probably wind up on a farm. My own farm—I hope."

Being too busy with his own business to look after his protege, George Russo has assigned Jimmy De Angelo, popular New York fight manager, to take charge of Red Moffett from now on.

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Lee Q. Murray

IT isn't often that a fighter can obtain a radio star as a sponsor, but now and then one does hear of such things happening. George Raft, Bing Crosby and Al Jolson started it and now Col. Stoopnagle, the radio fun maker, has gone in as part manager of a fighter. He has bought an interest in Murray, who he figures is a good investment.

Stoopnagle watched the So. Norwalk, Conn. heavyweight train and took a fancy to him. He hopes to see his charge fight Nathan Mann for the heavyweight honors of Connecticut and if such a match can be arranged, he is willing to put up a belt for the winner. Murray at one time was sparring partner to Joe Louis.

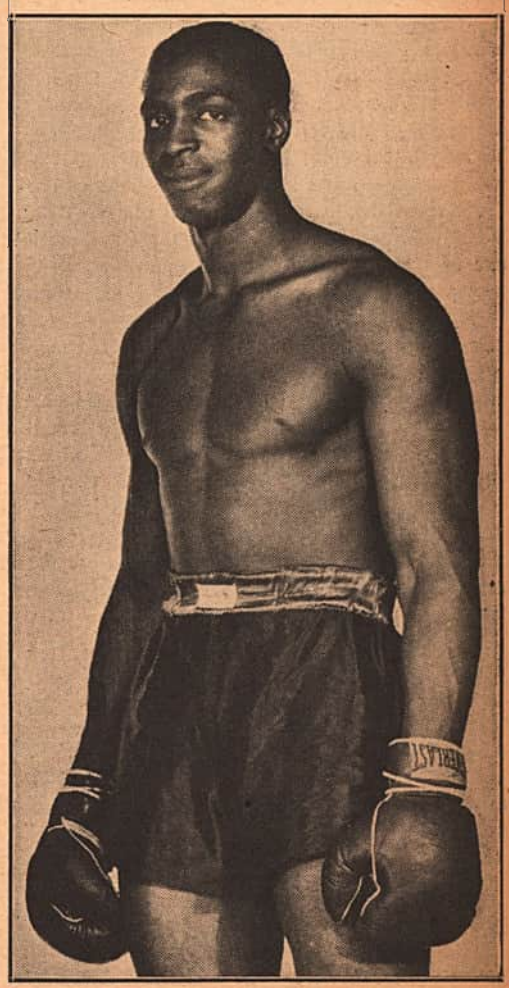
Murray started as a pro only two years ago. Here is his record: Russell Brown, St. Louis, Mo., K.O. 1; Paul Duke, St. Louis, Mo., K.O. 1; Johnny Deamos, White Plains, N. Y., K.O. 2; Eddie Winch, White Plains, N. Y., K.O. 2; George Rowan, White Plains, N. Y., K.O., 1; Big Boy Lesko, Norwalk, Conn., K.O. 2; Abner Powell, Rockland Palace, N.Y., K.O. 2.

James J. Johnston, Rockland Palace, N.Y., lost, 6; Stormy Williams, Golden Gate Arena, N.Y., K.O. 3; Eddie Gates, Norwalk, Conn., K.O. 2; Elza Thompson, Madison Square Garden, K.O. 2; Mickey McAvoy, Norwalk, Conn., K.O. 1; James J. Johnston, Norwalk, Conn., K.O. 4; Jimmy Howell, Jersey City, won, 4; Joe Piasta, Norwalk, Conn., K.O. 2; Cowboy Tex Irwin, Norwalk, Conn., K.O. 2; Wally Sears, Stamford, Conn., K.O. 2.

Murray is a heavy hitter. His clout is his greatest asset. New York boxing critics think well of his chances to advance in the first ten. His right hand carries T.N.T.

Lee is 6 feet 2 and scales 205 pounds. He is a well proportioned athlete.

Lee is just one more of the many giant heavyweights who has come to the front in the past twelve months. New York sports writers think well of his chances. He may never win the title, but he is certain to be among the big shots in 1941.



Lee Q. Murray, a hard-hitting heavyweight, managed by the radio star, Col. Stoopnagle.

LETTERS *from Our* READERS

DURING the past six years I have been a continuous reader of your magazine. It has in the past afforded me many hours of wholesome reading. It is therefore with deepest regret that I notify you that the policy of your magazine has become so abusive and so vile as concerns the German people that I as a German American cannot support your publication any more.

Let me explain my stand in further detail. Yours is a magazine that is supposed to deal with boxing—a sport—not politics. Therefore, I ask you to answer, if you can, the following questions:

1. Why are the Germans in Germany, who enjoy the highest type of civilization and education, called in THE RING "the brutal German hordes."

2. Why do you keep harping on conscription?

Is it not bad enough that we must all serve one year in a virtual prison, without being constantly reminded of it?

I buy your book to take my mind off this troubled world and what do I find? Your complete political beliefs being expounded along with that other imperialist and warmonger, Franklin D. Roosevelt. He is leading us to war and you and your magazine are helping by breeding hatred for the Germans.

Of course, I can readily understand why you love the English so much. You depend for your living on the circulation of THE RING in British territory. Your magazine has taken a big fall in circulation, as I know, since you cannot circulate it throughout the tottering British Empire. Naturally you want the British to win—but this will never happen. More power to our great German race.

You have lost me as a reader, Nat. I don't sympathize with your editorial stand. Since you refuse to see our side of the story, I shall do all in my power to halt complete sale of THE RING among the Germans in America. I will positively impress on those of my friends, those in the clubs to which I belong and their friends, that we Germans must stand together and ban THE RING from our homes and our social clubs until your attitude has altered. We Germans must and shall stick together. You are vicious in your attacks on our people in Germany and we will repay you by discontinuing to read THE RING.

Now here is a bet—I'll wager any amount that you won't have the gumption to print this letter in "Letters from Our Readers" so that all good Germans, lovers of our Fatherland, may read and act accordingly. I dare you. I welcome a reply.

AUGUST SCHMITTNER,
300 East 80th Street, New York City.

(Thanks, August, for your great sendoff. I assure you that THE RING *will gain more readers through your letter of "good will" than we will lose by your appeal. You are the type that forms the backbone of the "Fifth Column." You're the type of American who is false to the land of your adoption.*

You see, August, instead of tossing your letter into the waste basket where it belongs, I not only have accepted your dare to print it, but am giving you the lead off position.

You didn't have sufficient nerve to send in your real address. I sent you a special delivery letter, registered, primarily for the purpose of ascertaining if the address you gave was correct so that I could turn the F.B.I. on your trail if and when you are conscripted. But your letter was returned—"No such person at this address."

I don't believe that many more of our readers think of me as you do. I served my country in the last war and will gladly do so again, if the call comes. I am what you should be—an American, first, last and all the time. THE RING *can well do without readers like you. The quicker the world gets rid of Hitler, the quicker peace will reign.*—EDITOR'S NOTE.

No letters will be answered by mail unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. If you have a letter of general interest, send it along and we will publish it under your name in "Letters from Our Readers." Don't hesitate. Write now.

NO doubt you will be surprised to hear from me on this side of the pond but here I am in this war-torn island where they still have their chins up and don't know the meaning of the word DEFEAT. It is great to be one of them. They are a wonderful game race of people. I am associated here with Mr. Johnny Best, who is the cleanest, most honest and gamest guy in the entire boxing world.

I am sending two show cards for you to see for yourself what guts this guy has. Can you imagine a promoter running a championship fight in a town that is being bombed every night! I had three boys boxing on the Ernie Roderick-Eric Boon fight, held out in the open air, and while the contest was in progress, the "Jerry" planes were overhead and one guy from the bleachers shouted to a ringsider, who was looking up to the sky, "Ignore the So-and-Sos. Don't let them think we are afraid of them." The entire show was run during an air raid and nobody left, not even the women, and there were plenty of them there.

I have got quite a selection of very good boys here and although most of them are in the services, I keep them pretty busy.

My best bet is Jack London, leading British heavyweight contender, who is 6 feet and weighs around 200 pounds. Although only 25 years old, he has boxed Buddy Baer, Tommy Loughran, Al Delaney, Obie Walker, Roy Lazer and Tommy Martin, and has never heard the count of ten or been knocked off his feet. He has over 50 knockouts to his credit and is the hardest-hitting heavyweight over here right now. He is a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force.

I also have Sean Clancy, welterweight, who has represented Ireland in the States on four occasions. Recently he beat Harry Craster. He is undefeated as a pro. He is just 21 years old and has joined the Irish Free State army. I will be bringing him over if we are still alive to tell the tale. He is another Jimmy McLarnin—a great boxer with a real punch. I am enclosing one of his pictures which I would very much like you to use. He is at present the official welterweight champion of Eire.

I still have my RING on my desk. It keeps me in touch with all the boys over there. I just couldn't get along without it. I would like to be remembered to all my many friends in the U.S.A. Say hello to Eddie Borden and Chris Dundee for me.

With all the very best to you and success to THE RING, I will say Cheerio until we meet again.

JACK (3 STAR) HENNESSEY.
Formerly of Philadelphia and Scranton.

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THE first mail I received in three months arrived last week. Included in it were four issues of THE RING, your letter and the two volumes of "The Black Dynamite" series. My hearty thanks to you for this gift. It will shorten the Arctic night during which time we have but a very few hours of daylight. We save our reading material for that period. Just now we are very busy with ship time, repairs on the buildings, etc., as well as taking advantage of the fair weather.

In early May I left Eskimo Point for Tavane, where we have a 12 x 16 shack, intending to remain there for the spring and summer. I had taken what mail there was for points north. The Superior of Chesterfield Inlet hospital was waiting for the mail. He had been visiting camps nearby. Natives had not yet come into the settlement, so I came on to Chesterfield.

We had covered the first 80 miles between Eskimo Point and Tavane in two days, camping about four miles out on the sea the first night and getting in about 11:30 the second night. It was the period of no night. About 11, it gets a bit dusky but then and later on the sun can be seen just below the horizon and sets for only two hours or so.

Farther north, of course, they have the sun for 24 hours daily.

Incidentally, we had a tent with us. In winter we help the guide with the igloo (in half to three-quarters of an hour a comfortable igloo can be built for a night camping), but it is nothing to put up the tent.

It took us six days of travel, from 14 to 16 hours each day, to make the other 140 miles to Chesterfield. We shank's-mared it most of the way because of soft snow. At several camps we stopped en route but the igloos were giving way to tents all along the way.

No roads here, of course, and no trails like you have in the bush. That is why it is suicidal for a white man to attempt to travel without a native.

In the barrens there are no landmarks, save here and there a pile of stones heaped up by the natives. A native may and does get lost often, but he can always find his way again—a natural instinct with him.

I have been travelling in thick storms with strong headwinds whipping up the snow and blinding us so that we could see only the dogs nearest the sled. The native, when puzzled as to direction, would get down on his hands and knees and learn from previously hardened drifts, the proper direction. Their powers of observation are far superior to the white man's. After one day of travel, we arrived in a camp at 1:30 A.M. We made but a bit over 20 miles.

It was impossible to return by dog team, so I had to wait for breakup. That came on July 6th, but the ice returned with each tide. It was July 13th when I finally pulled out on the R.C.M.P. boat en route to Churchill. We went through fields of floating ice all the first day. There were many seals on the ice pans, but the natives missed them all. Although we went at half speed all the day, we reached Ranken Inlet in 10 hours. It had taken us three long days of at least 14 hours a day travel to cover less distance by sled in May. We dropped anchor and turned in.

Away at six the next morning and we made 25 miles north of Tavane at noon. I went ashore and hired a native to take me to Tavane in his canoe. We arrived at 9 P.M. En route we stopped at a camp and took part in a native banquet of fresh killed deer, cooked, of course. Only in winter is it eaten raw.

Three weeks at that post, during which time I built an addition to our shack there, and I was off again for Chesterfield on the Trading Schooner, which brought me THE RINGS. What a thrill! Eighteen hours was all the time it took to make the trip, but, of course, we had travelled much more than the 140 miles we did by dog team, because the schooner goes out several miles.

There is something here at the mission that would give you a kick. It is a striking bag and the natives are good at punching it, Nat, I assure you. It is comical also to see the women with their babes on their backs, giving it an endless chain of "one-twos."

I heard the Baer-Galento brawl on the radio but couldn't get the Louis-Godoy repeater. Tell Sam Taub and Bill Stern that here in the far north we got clear reception of the Jersey fight.

I have not seen any walrus this summer yet—this is written on August 12—but soon there will be thousands of them here. They will be mating on the islands. Many of the natives here know a bit of English.

Thanks exceedingly for the copies of "Black Dynamite" you sent me. I look forward to hours of enjoyable reading, with interesting instruction as well as recreation during the long, cold winters. Boxing has done much for me mentally and physically and I shall always be a booster. You know what fine work the C.Y.O. is doing. Our Cardinal Mundelein was the inspiration behind the great Chicago organization.

REV. JAMES DUNLEAVY, O.M.I.,
Eskimo Point,
Churchill, Manitoba, Canada.

(Father Dunleavy did not send this letter for publication, but I feel it belongs in "Letters from Our Readers." I'm sure that our readers will get as much of a thrill out of the message from the far north, Eskimo land, as I did. Knowing Father Dunleavy's love for the Manly Art of Self Defense, I won't be surprised to see him come back to the States some day with a story about an Eskimo boxer of championship caliber.)—EDITOR'S NOTE.

I WOULD like to put in my two cents' worth concerning the heavyweight title bout between Joe Louis and Al McCoy. I can understand McCoy being booked to box Conn for the light-heavyweight crown, as he made a valiant, if not particularly successful attempt in their first meeting. But to put Al in with Louis! Had Billy Conn met McCoy over the fifteen-round route, I truly think Conn would have scored a knockout, since he nearly did so in their first meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoy THE RING Magazine. I've been getting it for some time now, and like each issue better than the one before.

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Waynesburg, Pa.

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FAMOUS FINISHERS

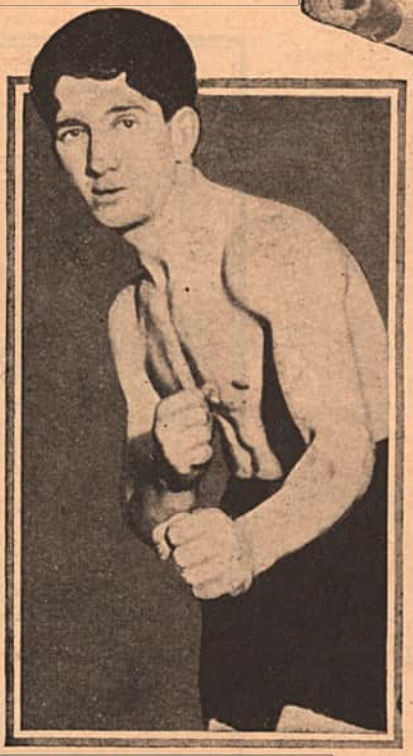
By HYPE IGOE

WHEN Lew Jenkins popped Pete Lello on the "button" and knocked him out in the first defense of Lew's lightweight title, the old timers about the ring rubbed their chins and asked themselves if this skinny, hollow-cheeked Texas cavalryman didn't belong among the "quick finishers" of all time. It all happened in the second round.

No question about the Jenkins punch. Whether he finishes as quickly or slow, there is no doubt about his having earned the right to have his name enrolled among the best punchers of all lightweight history. Once Jenkins tags a man, cleanly, the show is over. All that remains is to come in and pick up the victim.

To look at Jenkins, before he goes into the ring, one would have a feeling of pity for the fellow. Nature has made him scrawny. He has dickey-bird legs and there isn't a wasted ounce of flesh on his bones.

In all my experience, I can't recall any one like him in structure unless it was "Spider" Welsh, the San Francisco "Pieman" who went to Butte, Montana, in 1904 to pick up a little easy money, disposing of an unknown named "Battling" Nelson. The "Spider" looked enough like Jenkins to be his twin brother. The unknown knocked the "Spider" out in sixteen rounds and it was he who came back to San Francisco telling sports writers that a "world beater knocked me out." Like Jenkins, the "Pieman" could punch and we couldn't believe our ears when "Red" Sammy McClintock, the manager, and the "Spider", sang such a startling duet over the prowess of the man who, as the Durable Dane, was destined to knock out Jimmy Britt and Joe Gans to establish himself as undisputed champion of the lightweight division.



Young Otto, an amazing one-round kayo artist.

George K. O. Chaney, a portsider, who rolled up a record number of knockouts and was dubbed the "K. O. King."

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IN my contemplation of the famous "quick finishers" of the ring, my mind wanders back to names which never will be erased from the honor roll of great hitters, yet all the great hitters were not necessarily "quick finishers".

There have been noted hitters who were content to go along, gradually wearing down their prey, methodically, carefully with the least possible danger to themselves.

There were other punchers who stalked a man all through a fight with the one thought of ending the fight in a punch. Joe Gans was that kind of a hitter. I watched him mince-step after Mike Twin Sullivan in the old Woodward's Pavilion in San Francisco, waiting for a chance to catch the sprightly Mr. Sullivan. The opening, which none of us saw, save Gans, came in the fifteenth and Sullivan was stretched out over the lower rope like a glass-eyed scarecrow.

I have seldom seen a more convincing knockout. If the subject before the house is "quick finishes", that one was greased lightning. All the men I saw Gans knock out, never moved after Joe nailed them, except Willie Fitzgerald. Gans stepped in with a short right to Willie's jaw and the Irishman went down in a sitting position his legs crossed under him like a tailor usually squats.

Willie wasn't unconscious. He sat there giggling up at Gans as the precious ten seconds were tolled over him. I don't think that Fitzgerald knew what hit him. Surely he didn't know he was on the floor in front of the great Gans, being counted out else he might have tried to get up.

Despite that Joe was a master workman and fought in the careful, yet convincing style of his day, I'd be more inclined to name Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Dempsey, Young Otto, George Chaney, Joe Louis, Kid McCoy, Stanley Ketchel, Newark Patsy Kline, Sam Langford, Aurelio Herrera, Dal Hawkins, Peter Maher, Georges Carpentier, Tommy Ryan, Joe Walcott, or Charley White as quicker finishers.

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OF course the punch is back of all quick endings, Joe Louis landed hard, accurately and quickly when he fought Max Schmeling the second time. When they first met, Joe, thinking that he had an old, washed up "has-been" in front of him didn't even try to block Max's early clouts.

Joe learned a great lesson in overconfidence that night. Schmeling nailed him with a hard right hander to the jaw near the end of the first round and, that punch, Schemling told me the next day was the one which really brought about Joe's knockout in the twelfth round. It drilled Louis to his marrow and after landing something like fifty-seven more right handers to Joe's jaw, over a stretch of twelve rounds, Louis finally collapsed under the punishment.

He wasn't knocked unconscious. He went down in a kneeling position against the ropes at first, then keeled over on his side.

Paul Berlenbach, a fighter who mowed 'em down early.

his head resting on his right glove. Screaming from his corner was Jack Blackburn, Joe's trainer and coach, from the time he left the amateur ranks.

"Git up Chappie, git up, boy! Git up, Chappie!"

"Chappie", Blackburn's nickname for Joe, heard, yet couldn't respond. He lifted his head off his glove, looked toward Blackburn and shook his head, as much as to say:

"Jack, it can't be done!"

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AH, but the second fight was different. That was one of the prize "quick finishes" of all time. Jack Dempsey had visited Joe at his Pompton Lakes training camp a day or two before the fight and Jack kept harping on a quick finish:

"Sail into him and don't let Schmeling get started! Belt him out before he gets a chance to measure you with a right as he did in that first fight. Fight him as I used to fight—go with the bell and never let up on him!"

That was pretty good advice. Joe may have had such an annihilating attack in mind, even before Dempsey spoke to him. In any case, the bell rang and it was over before the echo of the starting gong had died away.

It ever has been my contention that had Louis always fought with a rush, none of the men he has ever met would not have gotten out of the first round.

Perhaps he never would have been able to catch a fast-moving fellow like Bob Pastor in the first round. As a matter of fact, Joe did drop Pastor in the first round at Detroit and failed to keep him there. He dropped him in the second and yet Pastor went on to the eleventh round before Joe finally brought him down to stay.

That is one reason why I believe that Billy Conn, light as he is, will give Louis a lot of trouble if they meet in June. Speed has always bothered Joe. He likes to fight at his own pace and when Pastor set it, Joe was at a disadvantage.

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JOE'S fourth round knockout of Tony Galento was a "quick-finish" shambles. Joe had almost been knocked out in the first round and was floored in the third. He got up and probably said to himself:

"This fat man has gone far enough!"

The end was furious, swift, devastating. Galento was punched into utter submission in an attack which only went to prove that Louis can end a battle much more quickly than has been his habit.

BOB FITZSIMMONS was a fast finisher. He was an all-time great hitter. Usually when he hit them right, they stayed put. Like Gans, Bob worked for a finale. He brought down Jim Corbett in fourteen rounds after taking an unmerciful licking, to become the heavyweight champion of the world. Fitz could make a quick finish when he wanted to bear down. While still champion Fitzsimmons knocked out Gus Ruhlin in six and Tom Sharkey in two rounds, classic in quick finishes when Bob got around to the final curtain.

Young Otto, whose real name was Arthur Susskind and who devotes his time these days in developing young "Diamond Belt" and "Golden Glove" amateur boxers, was an astonishing finisher when he was boxing. He holds a world record for knockouts in the first minute of the first round—some sixteen of them I believe it was! One punch and that was the end. There was no getting up to be flattened again and again. When Otto dropped them they "snored."

Were he to come along at the present day, he probably would be a greater sensation than Lew Jenkins. Any fellow who could stretch them out in that fashion, right now, would be wild fire at the box office.

When Jenkins first came to New York from Texas and began boffing the boys to sleep, it was certain that he would wind up as boss of the lightweight throne. Lou Ambers was the champion but he couldn't hit hard. Besides Lou was having trouble making the lightweight limit and when he came to defend his title against Jenkins he was not strong. The end was fast. Tagged, he couldn't escape and another "fast finish" was chalked up for Jenkins.

Otto was a harder hitter than Jenkins. So was Aurelio Herrera, the Mexican, who ran up eleven straight knockouts in 1903. They were mostly, one, two, three and four round finishes and they were swift when they came. Herrera could hit his man on top of the head and knock him out. Otto may have been a more accurate puncher though no harder hitter.

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GEORGE CHANEY of Baltimore, a south-paw featherweight was a swift finisher. He was a body puncher and he was often charged with being a foul fighter simply because, his victims on receiving one of his left hooks to the body doubled and went to the floor. The fallen man's seconds and friends made sure there was a protest of "foul" registered, when the blow might have been perfectly legitimate.

Both Henry Armstrong and Billy Conn have come in for accusations along that line because they too are body fighters. It is unfair because usually it is the gambler who sets up a cry of foul, whose only hope is that either man will be penalized enough rounds to lose the fight, even when he actually has won.

Armstrong, at his best, was a pretty fast finisher if he got his man going. Not a great hitter, he was ruthless if he got a tired man on the run. Henry never clinches and when the other fellow holds to save himself, Henry's two fists beat a cruel tattoo on body and ribs.

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DEMPSEY was a swifter finisher than Joe Louis, in my opinion. That's why I think that a fight between Joe and Jack would have ended in the first round, with Jack the winner. He hit savagely and in turn was most difficult to hit himself. Dempsey's speedy finish of Luis Angel Firpo was a good example of how swiftly Dempsey could end a bout. Jack didn't spend a second in clinching and he hit from any angle out of a "bob" and "weave," an exasperating, confusing attack and one which made him a most difficult target to hit.

Schmeling proved that Louis can be hit hard and so did Galento. When he was the real Dempsey, it was almost impossible to land a blow on Dempsey's jaw, so consistently was his head moving off the line of fire.

Jimmy McLarnin was a corking finisher. He was a superb boxer to start with, a will o' the wisp before he became celebrated as a puncher. If McLarnin got home with a solid punch to the jaw, the finish wasn't far away. At even weights, he would have whipped Jenkins by knocking Lew out. *(Continued on page 47)*

A Corner in the Fistic Market

By EDDIE BORDEN

The outstanding fights of the month and the ranking of the leaders in each division based on recent performances

THE year 1940 wound up in action aplenty, as champions and top notchers went to the scratch in many important fistic engagements during the last month. Billy Conn, Joe Louis, Lew Jenkins, Fritzie Zivic, Ken Overlin, Steve Belloise, Arturo Godoy and many others in the select circle kept the fans on the go. Surprises and thrills were furnished in many contests, and if what was fed out to the fans by way of good boxing bouts is a criterion of what is in store for them during 1941, then boxing is in for its biggest push in many years. The type of competition seen during the closing days of the year, was far above the standard set in past months and speaks well for the manner in which the sport is fighting for a comeback to the days when boxing was at its best.

Although Joe Louis was among those who donned the gloves in active competition, the greatest interest came in the bout between Billy Conn and Lee Savold in which Billy came through with another victory over a heavyweight. He had no trouble whipping Savold. Interest was also at high pitch in the bout between Tony Musto and Arturo Godoy in which the Chilean maintained his prestige by gaining the decision and by his victory, won a third shot at Louis's title, according to the announcement of Mike Jacobs.

Abe Simon furnished a surprise in decisively whipping Roscoe Toles. Al Delaney gave the boys a shock when he outpointed Gus Lesnevich. Jimmy Bivins and Anton Christoforidis split two decisions in Cleveland and gave the fans plenty of excitement. Tony Zale showed good form in whipping Fred Apostoli. Ken Overlin and Steve Belloise again clashed in the Garden with Overlin again showing his mastery over Steve in fifteen rounds.

Fritzie Zivic, newly crowned welterweight king, won through disqualification over Al Davis after a hectic encounter and also stowed away Ronnie Beaudin in two rounds. Two more upsets were turned in when Tommy Speigal whipped Dave Castilloux and Baby Breese stopped Jackie Wilson on the Pacific Coast. Baby Arizmendi returned to life with a victory over George Latka while Sammy Angott engaged in a tough struggle to master Bob Montgomery. Lew Jenkins defended his title against Pete Lello, successfully. Bill Speary, promising featherweight from Nanticoke, Pa., won an overweight match from Harry Jeffra, featherweight titleholder.

In looking at the changes for the month in the various divisions, we find that a new member is brought into the picture in the person of Abe Simon, through his victory over Roscoe Toles. He became our fourth ranking heavyweight for the month. Savold was dropped because of the Conn defeat, to eighth spot while Toles, Buddy Knox and Tommy Martin were ousted to make room for Otis Thomas and Lem Franklin.

Jimmy Webb, although idle, was lifted to first place because of the defeat suffered by Lesnevich. Christoforidis has been advanced to No. 2 place and Melio Bettina went to third with Lesnevich in fourth.

Tami Mauriello, New York threat for middleweight honors, finally made the grade. He has been placed in ninth spot because of his splendid work. In the welterweight division, Al Davis and Georgie Martin have been supplanted by Tony Marteliano and Baby Breese.

Tommy Speigal made a return to the lightweight ranks because of that Castilloux victory and is now in fourth place with Dave falling below him. Arizmendi was hoisted to eighth, while Aldo Spoldi reclines in ninth with Yucatan Kid taking the tenth spot because of their recent achievements. George Latka, Ervin Berlier, Johnny Bellus and Julie Kogon have been temporarily removed from the ranking lightweights to make room for the more impressive showings of the newcomers.

Billy Speary steps into leading contender's role through his victory over Jeffra. Spider Armstrong and George Pace have been dropped to make room for Everette Rightmire and Vincenzo Dell Orto.

In the bantam group K.O. Morgan, long a member, is now among the also rans. He and Aurel Toma have been deleted and two new candidates have replaced them. Rush Dalma, Filipino bantam, and Jim Brady, British contender, make the circle with victories over George Pace and Kid Tanner, respectively.

You will note that the monthly rating differs considerably from the Annual ratings, but this must be expected as the latter covers a full year, not one month's activity.

As is customary to start with the activity of the heavyweight brigade, so here goes:

Arturo Godoy banged out a hard earned victory over Tony Musto. Musto disposed of Pietro Georgi in five rounds. Abe Simon showed good form in whipping Roscoe Toles. Buddy Walker and Otis Thomas clashed twice and on each occasion the bout was declared a draw. Pat Comiskey is carrying himself nicely. He kayoed Don Siegel in one, Max Minnich in three and whipped Bob Sikes. Sikes kayoed Johnny Miles in three and defeated Neville Beech. Lem Franklin disposed of Eddie Blunt in the fifth session. Pat Valentino scored over Buddy Knox.

Nathan Mann disposed of Hobo Williams in four rounds. Gus Dorazio trounced Herbie Katz. Al Delaney scored over Gus Lesnevich and Willie Pavlovich. Tiger Jack Fox disposed of Windmill Pearce in the fifth. Tony Shucco trimmed Armand Roy. Harry Bobo kayoed Jack Wofford in

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Here are my ratings for the month ending December 12:

Heavyweights	Light-Heavyweights	Middleweights	Welterweights
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Billy Conn	Title Vacant	World's Champion Fritzie Zivic
1—Max Baer	Jimmy Webb	Ken Overlin	Henry Armstrong
2—Arturo Godoy	Anton Christoforidis	Tony Zale	Izzy Jannazzo
3—Red Burman	Melio Bettina	Billy Soose	Charley Burley
4—Abe Simon	Gus Lesnevich	Archie Moore	Jimmy Leto
5—Buddy Walker	Teddy Yarosz	Steve Belloise	Mike Kaplan
6—Buddy Baer	Turkey Thompson	Jimmy Bivins	Maxie Berger
7—Pat Comiskey	Tommy Tucker	Al Hostak	Holman Williams
8—Lee Savold	Jimmy Reeves	Georgie Abrams	Cocoa Kid
9—Otis Thomas	Solly Krieger	Tami Mauriello	Tony Marteliano
10—Lem Franklin	Lloyd Marshall	Ernie Vigh	Baby Breese

Lightweights	Featherweights	Bantamweights	Flyweights
World's Champion Lew Jenkins	World's Champion Harry Jeffra	Title Vacant	Title Vacant
1—Sammy Angott	Bill Speary	Tommy Forte	Jackie Paterson
2—Jackie Wilson	Chalky Wright	Tony Olivera	Little Pancho
3—Pete Lello	Pete Scalzo	Lou Salica	Little Dado
4—Tommy Speigal	Joe Marinelli	Rush Dalma	Manuel Ortiz
5—Dave Castilloux	Jimmy Perrin	Kui Kong Young	Jackie Jurich
6—Bob Montgomery	Larry Bolvin	Jim Brady	Paddy Ryan
7—Toby Vigil	Bobby Ivy	Kid Tanner	Tiny Bostock
8—Baby Arizmendi	Everette Rightmire	Chick Delaney	Joe Curran
9—Aldo Spoldi	Vincenzo Dell Orto	Freddie Pope	Jimmy Stewart
10—Yucatan Kid	Al Mancini	Johnny Juliano	Small Montana

three heats and Al Blake in one. Carl Vinciquerra scored over Henry Cooper. Jim Thompson kayoed Johnny Flynn. Henry Morosz disposed of Phil Brubaker in two rounds. Jack Marshall kayoed Johnny McCarthy in one and George Franks in three. Julio Ortenzio was stopped by Bill Weinberg in five and Martin Clark in six. Selman Martin scored over Paul Hartnek.

Light-heavyweight champion Billy Conn had little trouble with Lee Savold. Anton Christoforidis split two decisions with Jimmy Bivins. Jimmy Reeves kayoed Johnny Lasinski in the third. Luis Logan won from Jack Roper in Manila. Ralph De John scored over Newsboy Millich. Eddie Miller whipped Roxie Forgione. Tommy Gomez kayoed Hard Rock Harden in the seventh round. Erv Sarlin stopped Willie Pavlovich in the fourth.

The middleweight scrap between Ken Overlin and Steve Belloise monopolized the activity in that division. Tony Zale scored over Fred Apostoli. George Abrams whipped Izzy Jannazzo, Augie Arellano and stopped Henry Chmielewski in the sixth. Tami Mauriello defeated Vic Dellicurti and kayed Erich Seelig in the seventh.

Ernie Vigh disposed of Al Bernard in six and also won from Jay Macedon. Coley Welch defeated Len Wadsworth and kayoed Maxie Long in the third. Nate Bolden bested Tony Cisco. Jose Basora kayoed Lambertine Williams in one.

Steve Mamakos won over Milt Aron. Ben Brown kayoed Johnny Vance in the fourth. Jackie Donovan whipped Johnny Carter. Gene Buffalo scored over Eddie Peirce and Carl Dell. Vincent Fratello whipped Jimmy Casa, Tom Anderson and kayoed Dick Terry in five.

Harvey Massey was beaten by Frankie Nelson and Mose Brown. Eddie Maguire whipped Jock McAvoy in England. Leon Zorrita disposed of Al Grayson in five rounds. Cal Cagni scored over Norman Rubio. Ossie Harris whipped Johnny Barbara. Joe Sutka kayoed Johnny Marquez in six rounds.

Champion Fritzie Zivic took care of the welterweight situation. He kayoed Ronnie Beaudin in two and also won on a disqualification from Al Davis in the same length of time. Jimmy Leto won the award over Chalky Wright. Mike Kaplan defeated Saverio Turiello. Maxie Berger scored over Johnny Bellus.

Holman Williams disposed of Mansfield Driskell in the sixth. Tony Marteliano whipped Georgie Martin. Baby Breese stopped Jackie Wilson in the seventh. Antonio Fernandez bested Gene Molnar and Bill McDowell. McDowell defeated Gus Robinson. Jack Larrimore won the award over young Kid McCoy, while McCoy scored over Al Nettlow. Nettlow defeated Vic Dellicurti.

Sheik Rangel won from Tabby Romero and Billy Cooper. Jerome Conforto won from Manuel Villa and kayoed Tommy Campbell in the fifth. Dencio Cabanela finished Bob Castro in the fifth. Pete De Ruzza drew and whipped Tony Ferrara. George Crouch kayoed Clever Henry in five rounds at Honolulu. Billy Beauhuld drew with Mike Piskin and was stopped by Joe Goldstein in four. Piskin scored over Norman Hurdman.

Frankie Britt defeated George Henry. Norman Rubio scored over Red Cochrane. Jackie Burke whipped Bobby McIntyre. Vinnie Vines disposed of Billy White in the first session. Red Moffett won over Mistos Grispos. Grispos was also stopped by Dom Deci in the fourth. Carmen Notch whipped Harry Ginsberg. Eddie Dunne scored over Baby Kid Chocolate. Carl Dell bested Ernest Robinson. Cleo McNeal disposed of Jackie Stone in two rounds.

Lew Jenkins took care of the lightweight situation by disposing of Pete Lello in the second round in a title bout. Lello returned to stop Morris Parker in the eighth while Parker kayoed Frankie Flynn in the fifth. Sammy Angott scored over Bob Montgomery. Tommy Speigal bested Dave Castilloux and drew with Buck Streator. Toby Vigil drew with Red Green. Baby Arizmendi trimmed George Latka.

Irving Eldridge and Lenny Mancini split two decisions but Eldridge was kayoed by Aldo Spoldi in one round. Yucatan Kid disposed of Jack Larrimore in three rounds and also whipped Red Guggino. Guggino also lost to Jimmy Tygh but whipped Justo Jiminez and Leo Rodak. Rodak defeated Julie Kogon and Maxie Shapiro.

Billy Marquart flattened Pat Foley in one round. George Zengaras defeated Frankie Martin (also known as Chief Crazy Horse) but Martin came back to score over Wishy Jones. Nick Castiglione whipped Maurice Arnault and Jimmy Tygh. Mike Gamiere trounced Georgie Toy.

Joe Ghnouly scored over Willie Joyce. Terry Young won from Lee Harper. Charley Varre scored over Bernie Friedkin. Monty Pignatore whipped Bobby Ruffin and Joey Silva.

Eddie Lander bested Tony Sarullo. Billy Maher defeated Charley Sulic. Primo Flores whipped Red Moffett. Joe Hall stopped Mickey Miller in the eighth and won on a foul from Allen Westbury in five rounds in Australia. Harris Blake won over Lou Murphy.

Herschel Joiner kayoed Jimmy Buckler in one round. Harry Hurst whipped Mickey La Marr, drew with Victor Troise and kayoed Billy Bullock in the seventh. Lloyd Pine defeated Jackie Taylor and Charley Bell. Ray Robinson disposed of Norment Quarles in the fourth.

Harry Jeffra, featherweight champion, lost an overweight match to Billy Speary but whipped Sixto Escobar. Speary stopped Aurel Toma in five and defeated Jimmy Gilligan.

Joe Marinelli scored over Danny La Verne and Jimmy Perrin. Perrin won from Ginger Foran. Larry Bolvin bested Al Mancini and Everette Rightmire. Rightmire defeated Charley Varre, Joey Fontana and Mike Raffa. Raffa scored over Henry Smith. Fontana whipped Sal Bartolo. Bobby Ivy won from Vic Corchado and Pete De Grasse.

Vincenzo Dell Orto won from Bobby Ruffin. Nel Tarleton defeated Tom Smith in England. Richard Lemos won from Cleo Shan and stopped Jesse James Jackson in two. Marcus Pitts defeated Nat Litfin. Phil Zwick kayoed Billy Miller in the second. Spider Kelly won from Tommy Cullen. Al Brown, of Philadelphia, defeated Joe Stack. Johnny Forte whipped Nono Cuebas. Jackie Wilson defeated Frankie Terranova, Lou Transparenti kayoed Jimmy Mutore in the fourth.

In the bantam class, Tony Olivera kayoed Black Joe in seven. Small Montana was beaten by Freddie Pope and stopped by Lou Salica in the third. Rush Dalma whipped George Pace. Jim Brady outpointed Kid Tanner.

Jackie Paterson still remains the outstanding flyweight contender. He disposed of Jimmy Stewart in six rounds. Little Dado won from Kenny Lindsay.

The eight best prospects of the month are:

Flyweight—None available.

Bantamweight—Danny Carabello, White Plains, N. Y.

Featherweight—Lou Constantino, New York City.

Lightweight—Jimmy Dolphin, Scranton, Pa.

Welterweight—Johnny Carter, Philadelphia, Pa.

Middleweight—Bruce Bishop, England.

Light-heavyweight—Booker Beckwith, Gary, Ind.

Heavyweight—Bill Weinberg, Boston, Mass.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES

By NAT FRANK

PHILADELPHIA'S Gus Dorazio will draw the assignment against Joe Louis in the latter's defense of his heavyweight laurels at the Convention Hall, here, some time in February, under the promotion of Herman Taylor. Dorazio earned the right to get a crack at the championship by reason of his sterling winning clash with Herbie Katz, the hard-hitting New Yorker. This bout, a repeater, was one of the most spectacular we ever witnessed for big fellows. It was give and take all the way, and the victor was in doubt until the last two rounds, when Dorazio, by a super-human effort, managed to breeze through with the official conquest.

Incidentally, this was a repeat performance. They had met previously and Dorazio also won that one.

Frank Forgione, who looks after the pugilistic destinies of his brother Roxie, is certain that his brother fistman is capable of mixing haymakers with the very best of them. Roxie can be termed a "hard luck warrior," for he has lost a few bouts when his eye was opened just when he was apparently winning handily. Roxie is a kid brother of Vincent Forgione, who will be remembered as one of the tougher brand of middleweights fifteen years ago.

HERE AND THERE—Mike Evans, the elongated lightweight, is confident that he will crash the headlines soon. His chief handicap was a recent tonsil operation and he fought entirely too soon after having the surgeon perform his duty. The local hitsmith, who is being managed by likeable Jack Puggy, wants to prove to all the fans and critics that he is still a top-notch lightweight and all he needs is the chance to prove that his thoughts are entirely correct . . . . Georgie Katz, one of the most popular local sportsmen in this city, is mourning the loss of his wife. Katz is the manager of Danny Falco, former Temple University star, who is making rapid headway in the professional ranks as a welterweight. Danny is the kid brother of Tony Falco, a rattling good lightweight of several years back

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The Veteran Boxers' Association, of which Joe Shannon is president, and Battling Murray, secretary, put on their annual dance and an overpacked audience was on hand. The grand march was led by State Athletic Commission Chairman Leon L. Rains. One of the honored guests was Battling Nelson, lightweight champion of several decades ago. Willie Lewis, former welterweight king, and Battling Levinsky, ex-light-heavyweight boss, were also in attendance.

Keep your eyes on Roy "Sugar" Robinson, fresh out of the amateurs, and a sure fire bet to be fighting headline bouts in short order. His rise has been phenomenal.

The Ring Boxing Records

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FRITZIE ZIVIC

Nationality, Croatian-American
Born May 8, 1913
Weight, 147 lbs., Height, 5 ft. 9 in.
Under management of Luke Carney, 128 9th Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Knockouts—1931—Al Reddinger, 1. 1932—Pat Gilmore, 3; Elmer Kozack, 4; Jimmy Dorsey, 4; Terry Waner, 3.

Won From—1932—Young Lowsteter, 6; Eddie Cregan, 4.

Lost—1931—Steve Senich, 6. 1932—Steve Senich, 6; Jerry Clements, 6.

Date	Opponent	Place	Result
1933			
Jan. 30	Georgie Schley	Pittsburgh	K.O. 2 rds.
Feb. 8	Steve Senich	Pittsburgh	K.O. 2 rds.
Mar. 24	U. S. Carpentier	Pittsburgh	K.O. 4 rds.
Apr. 10	Eddie Brannon	Pittsburgh	K.O. 6 rds.
Apr. 28	Patsy Hennigan	Pittsburgh	W. 6 rds.
June 26	Don Asto	Pittsburgh	W. 6 rds.
July 10	Don Asto	Pittsburgh	K.O. 3 rds.
Aug. 7	Joey Greb	Millsdale, Pa.	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 12	Joe Pimenthal	Pasadena	K.O. 4 rds.
Nov. 3	Gus Vagas	San Francisco	K.O. 2 rds.
Nov. 23	Don Miller	Pasadena	K.O. 3 rds.
Dec. 4	Homer Foster	Pico, Cal.	D. 4 rds.
Dec. 15	Vincent Martinez	Hollywood	W. 4 rds.
Dec. 27	Rudy Ayon	Pico, Cal.	W. 4 rds.
1934			
Jan. 5	Louis Carranza	Los Angeles	W. 6 rds.
Jan. 30	Lloyd Smith	Los Angeles	D. 6 rds.
Feb. 22	Perfecto Lopez	Los Angeles	W. 6 rds.
Mar. 5	Lloyd Smith	Los Angeles	D. 6 rds.
July 2	Eddie Ran	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
July 25	Young Joe Firpo	Conneaut Lk, Pa.	W. 8 rds.
Sept. 2	Harry Carlton	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 25	Laddie Tonelli	Chicago	K.O. 3 rds.
1935			
Feb. 4	Jimmy Leto	Holyoke	L. 10 rds.
Feb. 18	Johnny Jadick	Washington	L. 10 rds.
Mar. 10	Kayo Castillo	Holyoke	W. 10 rds.
Mar. 25	Dom Mancini	Pittsburgh	D. 10 rds.
Apr. 2	Dom Mancini	Pittsburgh	K.O. 11 rds.
Apr. 16	Marty Gornick	Steubenville	K.O. 5 rds.
May 15	Freddy Chenowyth	Chicago	W. 8 rds.
May 30	Eddie Adams	Kent	K.O. 6 rds.
June 4	Sammy Chivas	Chicago	K.O. 3 rds.
July 1	Lou Ambers	Pittsburgh	L. 10 rds.
July 15	Jackie McFarland	Millvale	W. 10 rds.
Aug. 1	Mike Barto	Millvale	W. 12 rds.
Aug. 8	Joey Ferrando	Jersey City	L. 10 rds.
Sept. 30	Tony Herrera	Pittsburgh	L. 10 rds.
Oct. 4	George Salvadore	New York City	L. 6 rds.
Dec. 16	Billy Celebron	Chicago	L. 10 rds.
1936			
Jan. 13	Eddie Cool	Pittsburgh	L. 10 rds.
Jan. 27	Joey Ferrando	New York City	L. 8 rds.
Feb. 24	Chuck Woods	Pittsburgh	L. 10 rds.
Apr. 27	Gene Buffalo	Atlantic City	L. 10 rds.
May 22	Billy Celebron	St. Louis	K.O. 1 rd.
June 9	Tony Falco	Pittsburgh	K.O. 8 rds.
June 27	Al Manfredo	St. Louis	W. 10 rds.
July 2	Lou Jallos	Steubenville	K.O. 10 rds.
July 6	Laddie Tonelli	Pittsburgh	K.O. 4 rds.
July 22	Mickey Duris	Johnstown	W. 12 rds.
July 30	Laddie Tonelli	Pittsburgh	T.K.O. 6 rds.
Aug. 12	Cleto Locatelli	Brooklyn	L. 10 rds.
Sept. 28	Jackie McFarland	Canton	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 5	Johnny Durso	Pittsburgh	K.O. 2 rds.
Oct. 16	Chuck Woods	St. Louis	K.O. 6 rds.
Nov. 9	Gaston LeCadre	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Dec. 2	Harry Dublinsky	Pittsburgh	K.O. 6 rds.
Dec. 28	Billy Conn	Pittsburgh	L. 10 rds.
1937			
Feb. 11	Johnny Jadick	Pittsburgh	K.O. 6 rds.
Mar. 1	Bobby Pacho	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Apr. 6	Chuck Woods	Detroit	W. 10 rds.
May 21	Tony Petrowski	Muskegon	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 29	Frankie Portland	Clarksb'h, W. Va.	K.O. 2 rds.
Nov. 18	Jimmy Reilly	Mc Keesport, Pa.	K.O. 1 rd.
Dec. 25	Tommy Bland	Pittsburgh	L. 10 rds.
1938			
Jan. 7	Harold Brown	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
Feb. 14	Frankie Blair	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Mar. 7	Tommy Bland	Pittsburgh	K.O. 8 rds.
Mar. 21	Charlie Burley	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Apr. 12	Remo Fernandez	Detroit	W. 10 rds.
May 29	Petey Mike	Brooklyn	K.O. 1 rd.
June 13	Charlie Burley	Pittsburgh	L. 10 rds.
June 20	Ercole Buratti	Pittsburgh	K.O. 4 rds.
July 9	Eddie Connley	Walnut Beach	K.O. 6 rds.
July 12	Phil Furr	Pittsburgh	K.O. 3 rds.
Aug. 2	Joe Lemieux	Newark	K.O. 4 rds.
Aug. 12	Joe Pennino	Coney Island	W. 8 rds.
Aug. 22	Steve Kahley	Newark	K.O. 3 rds.
Aug. 26	Mickey Paul	Long Beach, L. I.	K.O. 3 rds.
Sept. 13	Bobby Pacho	Newark	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 3	Paul Cortlyn	Newark	K.O. 4 rds
Oct. 10	Jay Macedon	Newark	K.O. 5 rds.
Oct. 27	Salvy Sabin	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Nov. 15	Frankie Blair	New York City	W. 8 rds.
Nov. 21	Al Hamilton	Columbus	K.O. 5 rds.
Dec. 7	Vincent Pimpinella	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Dec. 26	Howell King	Toledo	D. 10 rds.
1939			
Jan. 20	Jackie Burke	St. Louis	W. 10 rds.
Feb. 10	Eddie Booker	New York City	W. 8 rds.
Feb. 15	Charlie Bell	Columbus	K.O. 3 rds.
Mar. 20	Nick Pastore	Miami	K.O. 9 rds.
Mar. 29	Bobby Britton	Miami	W. 10 rds.
Apr. 20	Tiger Walker	St. Louis	K.O. 1 rd.
May 9	Kenny La Salle	Houston	L. 10 rds.
May 16	Al Traino	Rochester	W. 10 rds.
June 5	Kenny La Salle	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
July 11	Jackie Burke	St. Louis	W. 10 rds.
July 17	Charley Burley	Pittsburgh	L. 10 rds.
Sept. 5	Pete De Ruzza	Pittsburgh	K.O. 6 rds.
Sept. 12	Ralph Gizzy	McKeesport, Pa.	K.O. 2 rds.
Oct. 24	Kid Aztec	Houston	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 30	Milo Theodorescu	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Nov. 18	Billy Lancaster	Brooklyn	K.O. 7 rds.
Dec. 9	Wicky Harkins	Philadelphia	K.O. 9 rds.
Dec. 27	Milt Aron	Chicago	K.O. by 8 rds.
1940			
Jan. 22	Mike Kaplan	Philadelphia	W. 10 rds.
Mar. 4	Saverio Turiello	Philadelphia	K.O. 1 rd.
Mar. 7	Remo Fernandez	Cleveland	K.O. 7 rds.
Mar. 14	Johnny Barbara	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
Apr. 8	Johnny Barbara	Philadelphia	L. 10 rds.
May 3	Mansfield Driskell	Detroit	W. 10 rds.
May 7	Johnny Barbara	Philadelphia	L. 10 rds.
May 21	Ossie Harris	Pittsburgh	K.O. 3 rds.
June 24	Johnny Rinaldi	Pittsburgh	K.O. 1 rd.
July 8	Ossie Harris	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
July 22	Leonard Bennett	Chicago	K.O. 4 rds.
Aug. 5	Kenny La Salle	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.

Date	Opponent	Place	Result
Aug. 29	Sammy Angott	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 4	Henry Armstrong (Won Welterweight title)	New York City	W. 15 rds.
Nov. 15	Al Davis	New York City	W. Disq. 2
Nov. 26	Ronnie Beaudin	Buffalo	T.K.O. 2 rds.

CLARENCE "RED" BURMAN

Born, March 18, 1915
Nationality, Irish-American
Weight, 180 lbs.
Height, 5 ft. 11 in.

1935

Won From—Joe Kaminski, 4; Steve Roberts, 4; Jackie Aldare, 8; Billy Ketchell, 10; Terry Mitchell, 8; Steve Dudas, 8.
Knockouts—Tony Celli, 3; Pat Roland, 1.

1936

Date	Opponent	Place	Result
Jan. 25	Steve Dudas	Brooklyn	L. 8 rds.
Feb. 7	Corn Griffin	Baltimore	K.O. 1 rd.
Feb. 14	Hank Bath	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
Feb. 21	Billy Treest	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
Mar. 23	Billy Ketchell	Baltimore	W. 10 rds.
Mar. 27	Buddy Knox	Chicago	K.O. 5 rds.
Apr. 16	Eddie Slake	Dayton	K.O. 2 rds.
May 4	Billy Ketchell	Lancaster	W. 10 rds.
June 22	Dutch Weimer	Washington	W. 10 rds.
July 2	George Brown	Dallas	T.K.O. 4 rds.
Aug. 7	Heinz Kohlhauss	Tampa	K.O. 2 rds.
Aug. 19	Billy Ketchell	Atlantic City	W. 10 rds.
Aug. 27	Bob Ford	Dallas	K.O. 6 rds.
Sept. 7	Billy Nichy	Baltimore	K.O. 2 rds.
Sept. 22	Billy Ketchell	Brooklyn	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 2	John Henry Lewis	Chicago	K.O. by 2 rds.
Nov. 23	Eduardo Primo	New York	K.O. 2 rds.
Nov. 27	Stanley Ketchel	New York	K.O. 1 rd.
Dec. 17	Tom Beaupre	Dallas	L. 10 rds.

1937

Date	Opponent	Place	Result
Apr. 24	Gus Dorazio	Philadelphia	W. 10 rds.
May 21	Jerry Johnson	Detroit	K.O. 2 rds.
June 7	Joe Lejyss	Chicago	K.O. 4 rds.
June 28	Eddie Blunt	Baltimore	W. 10 rds.
July 14	Stanley Ketchel	Richmond, Ind.	K.O. 5 rds.
July 26	Alberto Lovell	Los Angeles	L. 10 rds.
Nov. 1	Joe Sekyra	Dayton	K.O. 2 rds.

1938

Date	Opponent	Place	Result
Jan. 1	Pepe Gonzales	Mexico City	K.O. 3 rds.
Feb. 2	Bob Tow	New York City	D. 10 rds.
Feb. 22	Johnny Risko	Coral Gables	W. 10 rds.
Mar. 7	Hans Haverlick	Syracuse	K.O. 4 rds.
Apr. 4	Eddie Mader	Washington, D.C.	W. 10 rds.
Apr. 18	Charley Massera	Baltimore	W. 10 rds.
June 6	Joe Wagner	Newark	K.O. 6 rds.
June 20	Butch Rodgers	Newark	K.O. 8 rds.
Sept. 22	Eddie Mader	Brooklyn	W. 8 rds.
Oct. 3	Italo Colonello	New York City	K.O. 1 rd.

1939

Date	Opponent	Place	Result
Jan. 13	Tommy Farr	New York City	W. 10 rds.
Apr. 13	Tommy Farr	London	L. 12 rds.
June 19	Tony Celli	Asheville, N.C.	K.O. 4 rds.
Oct. 23	Joe O'Gatty	Newark	K.O. 6 rds.
Nov. 13	Al Boros	Bridgeport	W. 10 rds.
Nov. 27	Al Boros	Baltimore	W. 10 rds.

1940

Date	Opponent	Place	Result
Mar. 25	Domenic Ceccarelli	Dayton	K.O. 2 rds.
Apr. 9	Jack Wofford	Warren, O.	K.O. 4 rds.
July 12	Billy Mickel	Charlotte	T.K.O. 1 rd.
Aug. 26	Steve Dudas	Baltimore	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 21	Tony Musto	Baltimore	W. 10 rds.

SAMMY ANGOTT

Born January 17, 1915, Washington, Pa.
Nationality, Italian-American
Weight, 135 pounds, Height —
Managed by Charlie Jones
(Record prior to 1937 not available)

1937

Date	Opponent	Place	Result
Mar. 18	Lloyd Pine	Louisville	D. 10 rds.
Mar. 22	Dave Barry	Louisville	W. 10 rds.
Apr. 18	Jimmy Buckler	Louisville	W. 10 rds.
May 10	Louis Gallop	Chicago	T.K.O. 4 rds.
June 3	Pete Lello	Chicago	T.K.O. 5 rds.
July 12	Jimmy Christy	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
Aug. 12	Everette Rightmire	Milwaukee	W. 10 rds.
Aug. 23	Jimmy Christy	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
Sept. 20	Billy Marquart	Chicago	L. 8 rds.
Oct. 18	Johnny Pena	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 25	Jimmy Vaughn	Louisville	W. 10 rds.
Nov. 8	Wishy Jones	Louisville	W. 10 rds.
Dec. 6	Lew Massey	Louisville	W. 10 rds.

1938

Date	Opponent	Place	Result
Jan. 15	Victor Valle	New York City	W. 10 rds.
Feb. 7	Harvey Woods	Chicago	W. 8 rds.
Feb. 25	Ev. Simmington	Chicago	W. 8 rds.
Mar. 7	Everette Rightmire	Louisville	W. 10 rds.
Mar. 22	Jackie Wilson	Milwaukee	W. 10 rds.
May 6	Wesley Ramey	Louisville	W. 10 rds.
May 23	Frankie Kid Covelli	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
June 1	Lloyd Pine	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
June 15	Roger Bernard	Milwaukee	W. 10 rds.
June 28	Tommy Spiegel	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
July 4	Lee Sheppard	Pittsburgh	K.O. 7 rds.
July 25	Leo Rodak	Pittsburgh	L. 10 rds.
Aug. 8	Nick Camarata	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
Aug. 15	Leo Rodak	Pittsburgh	K.O. 1 rd.
Sept. 2	Wishy Jones	Louisville	W. 10 rds.
Sept. 16	Wesley Ramey	Dallas	W. 10 rds.
Sept. 27	Leo Rodak	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 7	Lloyd Pine	Louisville	W. 10 rds.
Nov. 14	Norment Quarles	New Orleans	W. 10 rds.
Dec. 5	Freddy Miller	Louisville	W. 10 rds.

1939

Date	Opponent	Place	Result
Jan. 23	Joey Ferrando	Pittsburgh	K.O. 10 rds.
Jan. 30	Eddie Brink	Pittsburgh	K.O. 5 rds.
Apr. 14	Aldo Spoldi	New York City	W. 10 rds.
May 3	Milt Aron	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
June 27	Howard Scott	Louisville	W. 10 rds.
July 17	Petey Sarron	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Aug. 28	Billy Marquart	Pittsburgh	W. 10 rds.
Oct. 6	Davey Day	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
Nov. 3	Baby Arizmendi	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
Dec. 8	Davey Day	Chicago	L. 12 rds.

1940

Date	Opponent	Place	Result
Feb. 2	Pete Lello	New York City	D. 10 rds.
Mar. 1	Quen. Baby Breese	Milwaukee	W. 10 rds.
May 4	Davey Day (Won N.B.A. Lightweight Title)	Louisville	W. 15 rds.
June 25	Baby Arizmendi	Los Angeles	W. 10 rds.
July 24	Nick Castiglione	Chicago	W. 10 rds.
Aug. 28	Fritzie Zivic	Pittsburgh	L. 10 rds.
Nov. 4	Georgie Latka	San Francisco	D. 10 rds.
Nov. 25	Bob Montgomery	Philadelphia	W. 10 rds.

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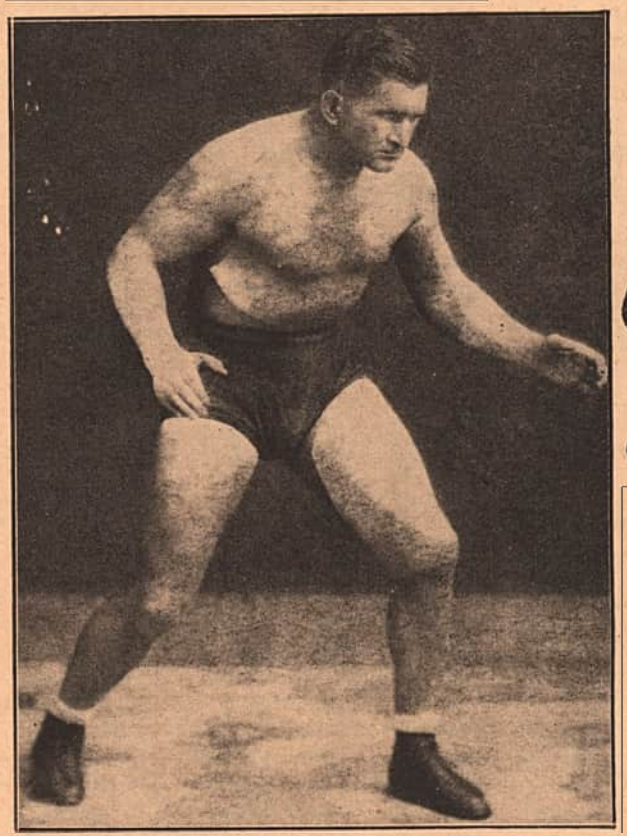
In the March issue, you will find the complete record of Arturo Godoy, Harry Jeffra, Izzy Jannazzo and one other.

Wrestling in California

By BERNICE SANDBOE

AS another month of mat activity draws to a close, Promoter George Zaharias of the Los Angeles Olympic Arena announces that he has wide and wonderous talent enlisted to perform for California fans in the immediate future. To begin with, the month of December brought us not only Santa Claus but that other bearded personage as well, Man Mountain Dean. Then, too, before very long Maurice will be back. Maurice is the little boy affectionately called The Angel. And just for variety, another mat monstrosity is headed this way—he's the Man from Mars, or Chief Saunooke which gives one the impression that a convention of freaks might be forthcoming.

However, in retrospect, we really had some classy material and some spectacular shows last month. The month swung into action with an exciting one-night tournament, which proved nothing but was a lot of fun. The final contestants were Tommy Nilan and Hardboiled Haggerty, a very little man and big man, respectively. The ensuing pummelling of the little man by the big man led to a riot such as has not graced the Olympic for many moons, but seemed to please the fans no end. The ring suddenly became filled with wrestlers and bedlam broke loose. One young man named Bobby Managoff, was most conspicuous by his outraged attack on Haggerty and—you guessed it—they fought it out the next week, with Haggerty getting a good trouncing.



Earl McCready, who has returned to California from Australia, and is now campaigning on the Pacific Coast.

The next two matches of the month were the Londos-Szabo affrays with, however, Londos failing to show up for the second encounter after going to a two-hour draw with Szabo in the first. Edward Payson proved a very able substitute and incidentally on the strength of Londos' non-appearance, he was suspended and Szabo was crowned the champion of them all.

Incidentally this Bobby Managoff boy who did such a thorough job of tossing Hardboiled Haggerty, is really one of the finest youngsters we've seen in the game for some time. In his last 75 matches this young man has been undefeated, which is certainly an indication of his great ability, especially inasmuch as he is only 22 years old. Promoter Zaharias apparently realizes that he has a real crowd pleaser in Bobby and plans an active campaign for him here on the Coast.

Zaharias is anxious to give the best available talent an opportunity to work at his club and is scouring the West Coast for the kind of talent he feels will aid his cause.

THE mat shows at the Hollywood Legion Stadium have been peppered by the appearance of that colorful character, Danny McShain, former light-heavyweight champion. This McShain fellow, who is managed by Richard Lane, the motion picture star, is without a doubt one of the wildest of them all. and his match with Wild Red Berry, now the title-holder, was as hectic an affair as Legion fans have ever seen. However, after much blood and battle, Berry won the affray and retained his title.

Tommy Nilan, colorful Australian wrestler, who has returned to his native land to enlist.

Another headliner at the Legion Stadium is Whitey Wahlberg, the strongest little man we've since the days of young Walter Stratton. Wahlberg is built like a miniature Adonis and has the strength of a twenty-mule team. We look for him to hold the title before very long.

California wrestling was greatly pepped up by the appearance of Jack Dempsey as guest referee. Dempsey refereed six Coast wrestling shows at some of the smaller arenas and played to "standing room only."

Incidentally, these small arenas in and around Los Angeles continue to give the fans really swell weekly mat shows. Morrie Cohen, the handsome young promoter at the Pasadena Arena, packs his place each week to the rafters and a good share of his ringsiders consist of socialites, while the Hollywood Legion and Ocean Park Arenas draw the movie folks. Since these little clean arenas show the best wrestling talent as well as the larger auditoriums, it is little wonder that the fans all wear contented smiles.

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CALIFORNIA fans were greatly captivated by the unique technique of one Tommy Nilan, a little Englishman who has returned to his homeland, Australia, to fight for the flag. It was with sincere regret that we saw this little fellow go, for he brought to the ring a new spicy sort of wrestling all his own. With all the speed of a hopping kangaroo, Tommy would bound

Sandor Szabo, who wrestled Jim Londos a two-hour draw.

around the ring, eluding his opponent and then, with amazing cleverness and strength usually managed to throw him. We anticipate a Londos-Nilan match when this little fellow returns.

His name is Ignacio Juan José Alberto de Jesus Navarette de Martinez, but if you will take just the first and last names you will probably recognize him more readily. He is a smiling, handsome young giant who towers 6 feet four into the sky and weighs 263 pounds. And with little or no exaggeration, he can be called the best Latin heavyweight wrestler in the world today.

The possession of this title was, incidentally, disputed by none other than Senor Vincent Lopez, but after a fiery bout to settle the question, Martinez emerged the victor.

Born 27 years ago in Barcelona, Spain, Ignacio moved with his family to Mexico and started working when he was 12 years old to help support his parents and twelve brothers.

A few years ago Nacho became greatly interested in golf and under the tutelage of that great golfing master, Leo Diegel, became an outstanding pro and obtained a position at the then very ultra Agua Caliente Hotel on the Mexican border. However, always a restless fellow, Martinez decided to turn to wrestling, a sport he had always been interested in and practiced whenever he had an opportunity. He made his mat debut in Los Angeles six years ago and became one of the greatest drawing cards on the Pacific Coast.

With this huge success to his credit, Martinez started out on a world tour and has wrestled in many foreign lands. He has just recently returned from a most successful invasion of the Far East and Pacific Islands, and the clippings he brings with him speak only the highest praise for his ability as a matman.

Ignacio's gigantic physique comes to him naturally inasmuch as he has a grandmother who weighs 325 pounds. Grandma, by the way, is 95 years old and quite interested in her handsome grandson's grappling career. Being so huge has its disadvantages, however, says Nacho, inasmuch as his tailoring bill runs rather high. His shirts are size 18½.

He's really a grand fellow and a good wrestler, and we repeat that he is the best Latin heavyweight wrestler in the world.

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EARL McCREADY, who had a fairly successful year in New Zealand and Australia, has returned to the Pacific Coast where he is campaigning. Earl, one of the world's greatest wrestlers, is hot on the trail of Jim Londos.

McCready should go big in his American campaign. He is popular, in addition to being a very colorful wrestler. Many moons have elapsed since Earl has been seen in American rings and that should aid him here. He may soon go East and compete in the Garden if that organization decides to go for wrestling.

FROM Australia we have just received a review of the 1940 activities by Dave Ballantyne, which we think of interest to our readers. Our correspondent also rates the wrestlers according to performances. Here is his news:

The number of wrestlers competing in New Zealand for the 1940 season was the smallest for some years, but the quality was on a high level and fans witnessed some interesting matches.

An outstanding feature was the number of defeats suffered by Earl McCready, hitherto recognized in New Zealand as practically invincible. Earl was beaten once each by Dick Raines, Jack Katan and Lofty Blomfield.

The British Empire title changed hands four times, passing in order from McCready to Katan, from Katan to Blomfield, from Blomfield back to Katan, and from Katan to McCready.

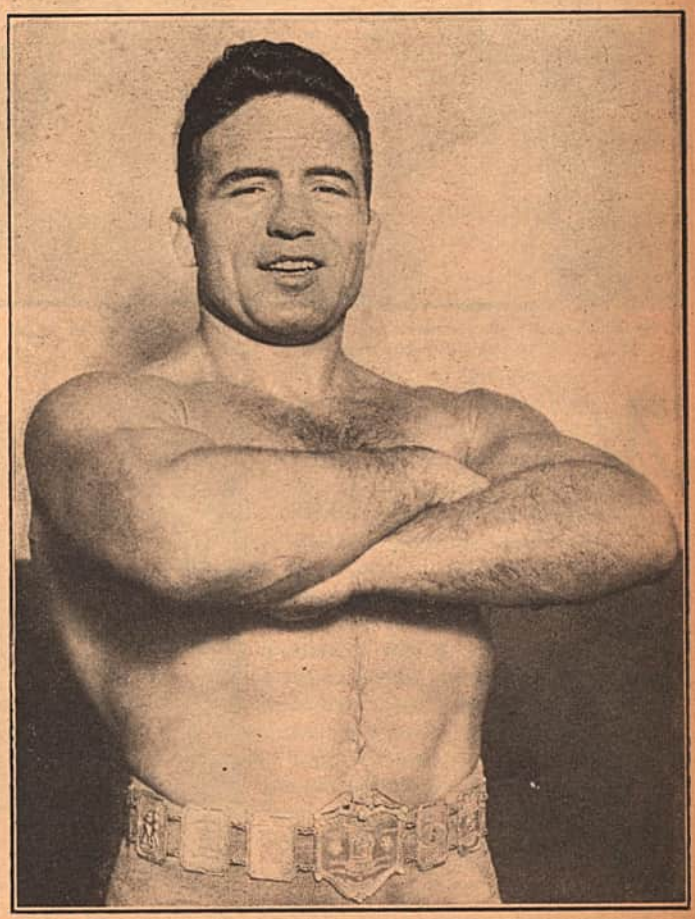
Altogether 76 bouts were contested. Of these 57 were won outright, 18 were drawn and 1 was declared "no contest."

Selecting five men, we would rate them as follows:

1. Earl McCready
2. Jack Katan
3. Lofty Blomfield
4. Dan O'Connor
5. Joe Corbett

Exclusive records of the individual grapplers are as follows:

Wrestler	*Bouts*	*Won*	*Lost*	*Drawn*	*N. C.*
Earl McCready (Canada)	32	21	3	7	1
Jack Katan (Canada)	29	13	4	12	0
Lofty Blomfield (N.Z.)	23	11	7	4	1
Dan O'Connor (U.S.A.)	21	5	12	4	0
Chief Little Wolf (U.S.A.)	5	1	4	0	0
Joe Corbett (U.S.A.)	21	4	12	5	0
Dick Raines (U.S.A.)	19	2	13	4	0
George Harben (U.S.A.)	2	0	2	0	0



Jim Londos, who, after a two-hour draw with Szabo, was rematched but failed to make an appearance, with the result that Szabo laid claim to Jimmy's title. Jimmy is now in New York City.

Wrestlers *in the* Spotlight

By AL MAYER

Peter the Great, a newcomer in New York mat circles, who is performing under the banner of Jack Pfeffer.

MAKE way for youth—is the slogan of modern wrestling. It is questionable whether any sport has undergone in the past ten or fifteen years such drastic change as wrestling. It has been revolutionized, speeded up so much so in fact, that it is no longer the correct thing to do to call wrestlers—grunters and groaners. There was a time when the appellation fitted them because they spent most of the time on the mat indulging in grunts and groans which finally became so tiresome that fans gave the sport the cold shoulder and for a time it enjoyed little patronage from those who in the past had supported the ancient game to such an extent that it attracted capacity crowds all over the country.

This winter, Jack Pfeffer, who operates most of the clubs in New York and vicinity, has garnered quite an aggregation of young wrestlers who have been attracting big crowds, especially in New Jersey. Among those who have shown their wares to date and have made good are: John Melas of Greece, Mike Haller of Poland, Jesse Apollo of New York, John Vanski of Jersey City, Benito Gardini of Italy and Axel Madsen of Norway. All are in their twenties, with youth, strength and stamina to carry them along. They have been holding their own against men of far greater experience, veterans who in the past have had things their own way in the mat sport. They are the type who never are idle once the gong sounds and that is what has enabled them to gain a following.

Axel Madsen in action needs no argument to convince one that in this young, handsome wrestler they see a first rate athlete. He is called the perfect man and deserves the tag. John Melas of Greece is another who thrills.

Oki Shikina, the outstanding Japanese wrestler at catch-as-catch-can style, who is on an Eastern tour.

Jesse Apollo, American Adonis, is a mat star discovered last summer. He stands over six feet, weighs 200 pounds and there is no telling how far he will go in the game. This young athlete has everything in his favor. He knows the holds, has speed, stamina, ring intelligence, a combination hard to beat.

These wrestlers are serious minded, keep themselves in shape and it would be difficult to find better trained athletes in any major sport. Among the well trained wrestlers, Benito Gardini, Italy's latest entry, deserves special mention. He has just arrived East and compares favorably with the best men in the light-heavyweight division. He is fast, has innumerable holds at his command and is certain to be found with the headliners before the winter season ends.

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OKI SHIKINA, the great Japanese wrestler, is coming East for a campaign. Shikina, of course, is older than the others mentioned in this article, but he is unique and therefore is a welcome addition to the group of wrestlers now before the public. Shikina stands six feet and weighs 215 pounds, which is unusual in a Japanese where men usually are much smaller. Besides his weight and height, Oki Shikina is a wonder wrestler.

Master of jiu jitsu, also of the more modern style of Japanese wrestling known as Judo, Shikina is dangerous at all times. Besides these highly specialized forms of wrestling.

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By EDDIE MERRILL

Oscar Martinez Conhill, Cuba's outstanding heavyweight wrestler.

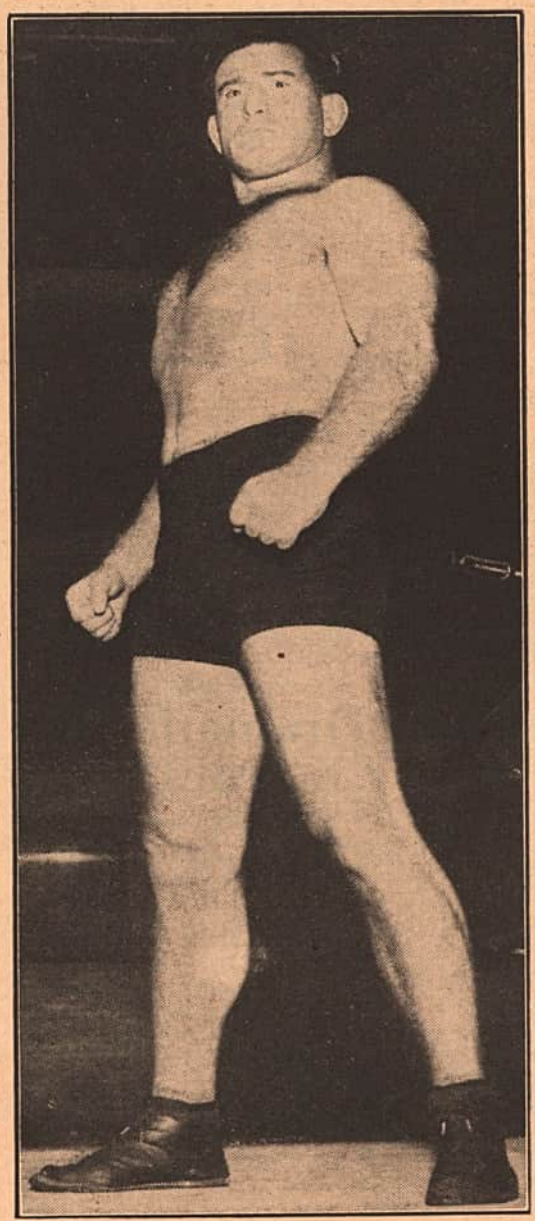
UNDER leadership of Colonel Kilpatrick, Madison Square Garden is out to try to put wrestling back on its feet. The Colonel, an ardent wrestling enthusiast from the old days, has an idea that the sport can regain its former drawing power, with the famous Garden arena as its leading home, if the management of the House That Tex Built can obtain the proper cooperation of the wrestlers.

In an effort to regain public confidence, Colonel Kilpatrick is eager to install the Australian system of wrestling into New York, and to sign only such matmen who are willing to work on the level. It is common knowledge that for several years "shooting matches" have been few and far between, and it is the aim of Colonel Kilpatrick to give a fair trial to contests in which he insists will be up and above board.

For this purpose he has appointed Marcus Griffin, sports editor of the New Enquirer, his matchmaker, and has issued instructions to Griffin to arrange a series of contests with the leading wrestlers on a special guarantee and percentage basis, instead of on the wage basis, which is prevalent in most cases. It was the original plan to sign Jack Sherry, one of the several "outlaws" who has been banned by the wrestling promoters throughout the country because of his independence and his acknowledged ring generalship and ability. Sherry, idle for many months because he refused, as he claims, to engage in fixed matches, eagerly accepted the Garden assignment, but asked that John Pesek, another "outlaw," be given the assignment as his opponent.

This Colonel Kilpatrick refused on the grounds that Pesek was too old, but Colonel Kilpatrick was willing to place Pesek on the card. The Colonel insisted that if Sherry wanted to work in the Garden he would have to accept one of several high class youngsters selected for him. That was agreeable to Sherry, but when the terms offered him failed to meet with what he considered a fair inducement, Sherry found himself in the cold again. His demand for $1,500 with the privilege of 12½ percent of the gate to top the Garden's opening bill, were found too exorbitant, according to Marcus Griffin, who offered, according to Sherry, $350 guarantee or 12½ per cent.

Thus, without the aid of Sherry, Griffin has arranged a card for his opening show which will take place shortly after this issue appears on the stands, and if he can get the cooperation he expects, the Garden may once again be the leading wrestling arena in America. No matter what happens, it is worth a trial and those who are ardent wrestling enthusiasts I'm sure will give Colonel Kilpatrick and Marcus Griffin their hearty support.



Jack Sherry, one of the world's greatest heavyweight wrestlers, who, since his return from Europe due to the war, has had little luck in getting American engagements.

If that is given them, they promise to have on their cards the best that money can produce and with honest-to-godness matches in store, with the acrobats, the angels and the whiskered element in the sport banned for real, high class talent, the kind that used to pack 'em in in the good old days of the mat sport, wrestling may once again be one of New York's best sporting attractions.

In the Australian system that Colonel Kilpatrick and Marcus Griffin hope the Boxing Commission will permit them to use in the Garden, each bout will be staged on a rounds by rounds basis of ten minutes each, and under such a system, keen, fast, thrilling matches are usually the rule. There is no need for acrobatic feats or whisker-pulling stunts.

THE RING Editor has offered his hearty support to the Garden. He will do all in his power to aid the venture in which he believes lies the future success of wrestling in New York. The sport can be brought back and will, if the fans will see the light and offer their hearty aid. But I do feel that Colonel Kilpatrick and Marcus Griffin have made a big mistake in not enlisting the services of so fine a matman, an honest wrestler who has stood the test for many years—Jack Sherry. He belongs on the Garden cards.

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WRESTLING NEWS FROM HAWAII by Theodore Yamachika follows: We pick Ben

Pilar, Filipino grappling sensation, the wrestler of the month. Coming here with a big reputation more than a month ago, he has provided the fans with some spectacular wrestling, and has proven himself quite a capable chap by taking on the best boys without a whimper. Moreover he has done much to arouse the interest of his countrymen to the fine sport of wrestling, mainly by his sportsmanship and clean style.

The Filipinos have always been rabid boxing fans, at least in Hawaii, but they had only a mild interest in wrestling until now. Coming back to Ben Pilar, we think he is the greatest Filipino grappler today. If anyone deserves a chance at Mike London's world light-heavyweight title it is this brown gentleman. We won't guarantee a Pilar victory but we know that the outcome will be in doubt until the very last minute.

Wonder if Promoter Al Karasick's two latest importations, Tony Morelli, Hollywood sensation, and the Red Shadow of Tulsa, Okla., could take care of Mike "Whiskers" London? Everyone's been trying to corner the champ and get him to risk his title. Mr. London has been quite obliging, too. He claims that he will oblige any worthy opponent with a title match and he has done that a couple of times already.

Tetsuo Higami and a couple of others tried to wrest the title away but failed. It seems the champ becomes quite a different man when the title is at stake considering he would lose to an opponent in a non-title match but would reverse the score in a more important match.

By the way, Mike London was among the first ones to register for the draft in Honolulu. He may be called to service. For one thing he'll have no trouble passing the physical examination, although we wonder if Uncle Sam would tolerate his whiskers.

We commend Bobby Coleman for his wonderful stand in holding Mike London to a 30 minutes draw. This should boost his stock to the near champion class.

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CUBA, where wrestling interest has been revived, has a young wrestler, Oscar Martinez Conhill by name, who is engaging the attention of the fans. He is a handsome, tall fellow, who competes in a pleasing style and has gained a big following. He is known in Cuba as a "society boy," and rates one of the best grapplers on the Island.

Conhill is 24 years old and stands 5 feet 10 inches. He is a Cuban by birth. He scales 208 pounds. Luis F. Parga, Havana's leading sportsman, is sponsoring Conhill. Parga is chairman of the Cuban Boxing Commission.

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FROM Nat Frank we get these notes from Philadelphia: Since we last mentioned the name of Chief Chewacki, the most despised grappler in the business, he has added several "tribe marks" to his list. He gained an additional gash in his head when an irate fan heaved a chair at him for his brutal tactics, a severe cut on his back when a well-directed bottle cut through his tough hide, and several stitches in his hand when he was bitten by an infuriated opponent. Still, Chewacki can't be swayed from his off-color tactics once the bell sends him into action.

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Paul Boesch, popular Long Beach, N. Y., star, is very popular in Camden, N. J. . . . . Speaking of Camden, may we remark that Bill Markward, ace reporter for the Philadelphia *Daily News,* is also the WCAM radio commentator of all grappling duels staged by the Hanly brothers at the southern New Jersey thrill emporium. . . . Tiger Tasker has shaved his whiskers. He is sporting a mustache. Tasker admits that he has found it a tough task in being able to withstand the continual abuse of his chin adornment by his rivals. The Tiger is considered an ace showman and one capable of mixing it freely with the best of them.

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Lou Plummer, that bold, bad Texan, has been doing active duty in Canada. He is a prime favorite there even though he continues to use the rough methods to down his rivals. . . . The captain member of the Riot Squad of Matdom, Ernie Dusek, is bragging loud and long that he has scored more direct hits during the recent hunting season. He has shot several deer this winter. He is now back in action after an extended vacation and is busily engaged in mowing down his rivals in quick order.

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Gino Garibaldi, headman of the famous Italian group of four wrestling brothers, will soon have the entire quartet in action along the Eastern seaboard. Ralph, Tony and Chick, the rest of the members of the tribe, will be out in full force for the cause of the Garibaldi clan. . . . That big towering blond, dressed in cowboy clothes, is no other than Whitey Govro, a bruiser from Oklahoma, who is always in there pitching for all he is worth. Win or lose, Govro is an acknowledged leader in the "bad man" ranks and is an excellent riot provider. . . . A picturesque scene along the Palisades is rowdy Rudy Dusek, headman of his Mat Rioteers, being mauled around by his four daughters. Rudy never misses an opportunity to be near his children. Considering that Rudy is a "tough guy" in the bone-breaking profession, it is all the more interesting to find that at home he is of the exact opposite type, beloved by his family and neighbors.

Dramatic "Kayoes"

(Continued from page 27)

of the best liked European boxers to ever ply his trade in the U.S.A.

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NOT all of the year's most thrilling finishes occurred as quickly as those just mentioned. Several of them went past the second gong, but they certainly belong in any list of 1940's thrilling knockouts. Anton Christoforidis' surprising victory over highly touted Jimmy Reeves, was one of these. Few considered the handsome Greek a puncher of such potency. He had impressed one and all with his ring knowledge, speed and durability. His expertly executed two round job on Reeves, was not only one of the year's thrilling knockouts, but also one of the biggest surprises.

Young Tami Mauriello's slashing triumph over Walter Franklin, was another two rounder that deserves comment. The Bronx youngster gave plenty of warning to the rest of his division that he is a lad to be reckoned with, on that knockout victory.

Bull necked Ernie Vigh, rang the gong twice with quick ones. Competent Henry Chmielewski, went out in less than a round of fighting in the Garden last May, under a barrage of the New Yorker's left hooks.

On October 22, Ben Brown, of Georgia, was picked off the canvas after less than 2 heats of fisticuffing. Both these men are boxers of considerable repute, and Vigh appears to be one of the best hitters in the 160 pound class.

Pat Comiskey's knockout of Bob Sykes is worthy of inclusion in the list of one rounders.

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NOT all the memorable contests of 1940 ended in quick knockouts although the outstanding fights of the year seemed to have belonged in that class. Among the fights which went the limit and will probably not be forgotten soon were such pulse stoppers, as the first Overlin-Belloise bout and the Davis-Marteliano mêlée.

Not in many years has a champion made as gallant a comeback from the brink of defeat as the valiant Overlin. His display of boxing and courage will never be forgotten by those who saw it.

The youthful Belloise also covered himself with glory in this one as he came within a hair's breath of becoming one of the ring's youngest champions. The Davis-Marteliano fuss had a story book ending after ten rounds of exciting milling, with the game little Tony on the floor at the final bell after amassing a lead on points.

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THE light-heavyweight bout between Jimmy Webb and Tommy Tucker was somewhat similar, Webb built up a sizable lead on points, was dropped in the eighth and final stanza but still had enough left to earn the decision in a standout 175 pound contest.

One of the most slashing contests between little men was turned in by Spider Armstrong and Harry Jeffra in Baltimore, with Jeffra retaining his title claims after 15 tingling heats.

The second Louis-Godoy struggle was a brawly affair with plenty of action featured by the champion's effective cutting down of his steer-like rival and Godoy's courage and ruggedness.

Al Hostak and Tony Zale provided plenty of action in their N.B.A. title match with the mid westerner's body battering caving in the Washingtonian, after 13 bruising rounds on July 19.

There were of course other bouts of secondary importance but thrilling action. Still the quick knockouts were the features of the year in boxing.

The year's record knockdowns were scored by Phil Furr against Steve Mamakos, 10 times, and Lou Salica, who while defending his N.B.A. and New York bantamweight championship in Toronto against Small Montana, floored the Filipino nine times to stop him in the third round. Paul Junior's feat of dropping Honey Mellody seven times, was another high water mark in a bout of importance.

HARTFORD NEWS
By DON HAMILL

BOXING was a bit slower in this state last month than was generally expected. New Haven and Waterbury, two regularly busy clubs, ran only two shows each, while Hartford remained dark. Lou Viscusi, Hartford promoter, has moved operations to the Stanley Arena in New Britain, where he staged three banner shows. Connecticut boys were exceptionally busy outside of the state.

At New Haven—The Arena—Red Moffett, 143, Devon 20-year-old Irishman, scored two no-count knockdowns in winning an eight-round decision from Mistos Grispos, 138½, Greece. The pair had fought a draw only two weeks previously. Angelo Rodano, 136½, South Norwalk, punched out a win over Joe Echevarria, 134¾, Puerto Rico, in another eight-rounder. Snooks Lacey, 128, New Haven Negro, won a third eight over Irish Sonny Breitz, 124, Louisville, Ky. Billy Duffy, 146, Hartford, took a close decision over Frankie Young, 150, New Haven, in a six spot. Tony Gillo, 173, New Haven, defeated his home town rival, Young Fiore, 168, in four.

At Waterbury—Buckingham Hall—Francesco Montanari, 147½, Italy, won a popular decision over Oscar Suggs, 146, Newport, R. I., in the eight round feature of the Waterbury A. C. card before 900 fans. In the co-feature Dom Fiantini, 126, Reading, Pa., scored a technical knockout over Andre Sarilla, 129½, Panama, in the third round. Sarilla was overmatched. He subbed for Johnny Compo of New Haven. Jimmy Bell, 145, New Haven, scored a knockout over Red Doty, 142½, Hartford, in the third round.

At New Britain—Stanley Arena—Bobby Poison Ivy, 128, Hartford, won a narrow eight-round decision over Victor Corchado, 126, Puerto Rico. Referee Louis Kid Kaplan's decision was roundly booed. It was the third meeting between the pair, Ivy winning all three. Lee Q. Murray, 205, South Norwalk, kayoed Jimmy Ace Clark, 180, Springfield, Mass., in the fifth of another eight. Red Doty, 145, Hartford, knocked out Al Castonguay, 145, Holyoke, Mass., in two and one-half minutes of the first round. Willie Pep, 129, Hartford, stopped Carlo Daponde, 132, Springfield, in the final heat of a good six. Earl Roys, 118, Bristol, stopped Tommy Burns, 123, Springfield, in the second of a scheduled four-rounder.

At New Britain—Stanley Arena—Bobby Poison Ivy, 131, Hartford, weathered a stormy first round to win a ten-round decision over Pete DeGrasse, 134, New York veteran. Three smashing right hands dropped Ivy to his knees as the bell rang ending the first round. Willie Pep, 127, Hartford, scored a T.K.O. over Frank Topazio, 124, Bristol, R. I., when Referee Frankie Portelle halted the contest in the fifth round. Al Evans, 144, New Haven Negro, ground out a six-round decision over Red Doty, 148, Hartford. Earl Roys, 118, Bristol, Conn., decisioned Johnny O'Brien, 120, New York, in a four. In the other four, Billy Marcus, 127, Hartford, won over Joey Wasnick, 128, New Haven.

At New Haven—The Arena—Nathan Mann, 186, Hamden, won on a T.K.O. over Charley (Hobo) Williams, 177, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The club physician refused to allow Williams to go out for the fourth round because of a badly cut left eye. The third round was a hectic affair as both threw caution to the winds and slugged it out. Both were badly shaken up and Mann was dropped for no-count during this session. Henry Morosz, 185, New York, scored an upset in kayoing Phil Brubaker, 199, Dinuba, Calif., in the second round. Jimmy Ace Clark, 177, Springfield, Mass., won an eight-round decision over Marty Borden, 175, New York, in a slow bout. Frankie Young, 152, and Jackie Reade, 150, both of New Haven met in a sixer. Young won the decision. Tony Gillo, 173, New Haven, won on a technical knockout when Tommy Altieri, 179, Meriden, failed to answer the bell for the fourth round.

At Waterbury—Buckingham Hall—Doug Marsh, Montreal welterweight, displayed a punch in winning over Francesco Montanari of Italy in the eight-round feature attraction. Marsh weighed 144, Montanari, 147½. Johnny Compo, 127, New Haven, proved too clever for Joey Stack, 125½, Philadelphia, in eight. Jimmy Bell, 145, New Haven Negro, failed to repeat his knockout win over Red Doty of Hartford but had to be content with a six-round decision. Doty weighed 144. Frankie Foley, 139, New Haven, and Neil Miller, 139½, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., fought their second draw in as many battles in another six. Billy Marcus, 126, Hartford, stopped Joey Wasnick, 126, New Haven, in the third heat.

At New Britain—Stanley Arena—Carl Dell, 148, Oneonta, N. Y., finally won over Ernest (Cat) Robinson, 147, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. Negro. Robinson had won their two previous battles before going into the New Britain battle-pit. Dell came through with a fast finish as Robinson tired and copped the ten-round duke. Tony Canzoneri, guest referee, gave the six-round decision to Mike Angierri, 147, New York, over Al Evans, 144, New Haven, in the semi-final. Willie Pep, 129, Hartford, scored a sudden kayo over Jimmy Mutane, 127, New York, in the second canto. Both were going strong up to the time of the knockout. Tony Falco, 144, Meriden, knocked out Howard Johnson, 147, Bridgeport, in the second of a four. Red Canty, 148, Springfield, gained the decision over Young Joe Gans, 150, Willimantic, in another four.

Dave Palitz, former New England welterweight king, who fought a draw with world's champion, Jack Britton, in 1919, died at the age of 49 years. Death came to him at the Norwich State Hospital, where he had been a patient for two and one-half months.

This writer, along with his middleweight star, Babe Verila, has been indefinitely suspended by the Massachusetts Boxing Commission for failure to honor a contract with the Casino A.A. of Fall River. The suspension has been concurred in by the Connecticut commission as a result of an agreement between the two states recognizing suspensions.

Verila was slated to box Frankie Britt of Fall River and appeared at the club. Both this writer and Verila were refused admission into the club. After turning Verila down three times, the club was left without a main bout fighter. George Henry, New Bedford scrapper, hopped along at the last minute and subbed for Verila. Britt won the decision.

Tab it as a new one for the books when a fighter has to pay his admittance into the club where he is fighting the main event.

Connecticut boys have been fighting quite regularly on the Holyoke cards. Jimmy Bell, New Haven, kayoed Joe Pennino in one and received the same treatment from Freddy Cabral in two. Joe Wasnick, New Haven, was kayoed by Don Lyons in three. Red Doty, Hartford, won over Leo Dulmaine. Billy Marcus, Hartford, won over Carlo Daponde and Frank Topazio. Pat Vendrillo, Manchester, lost to Corky Davis and Pep McNine. McNine also stopped Kid Inkie, Hartford, in two. Billy Farr, Manchester, scored over Vic Shinoski. Jackie Read, New Haven, whipped Eddie Bangs. Gene Brown kayoed Eddie Stone, Hartford, and decisioned Joe Firpo, Meriden. Earl Roys, Bristol, decisioned Al Lang. Charley Backofen, Rockville, lost to Larry Carrigan.

Other results—Red Moffett, Devon, lost his New York debut to Primo Flores at St. Nick's while Billy Duffy, Hartford, won his by taking a six-round decision over Caesar Ferro at the Coliseum. Tony Andreas, New London, lost a six-round decision to his more experienced rival, Italian Jack Dempsey, at Worcester.

SHORTS—Natie Mann's contract has been bought by Joe Gould, former manager of Jim Braddock. . . . It is believed that Johnny Ray, Billy Conn's pilot, is interested in Billy Duffy, good looking Hartford welterweight.

This writer will answer all queries if enclosed with return postage. My address is 102 Park Terrace, Hartford, Conn.

The Ring's Quiz

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HOW much do you really know about fights and fighters? If you can come through with three out of five you can pat yourself on the back as an expert in the history of the game. The answers will be found on page 45.

1—Name four violations for which a fighter might be disqualified in some states, or penalized in others where the non-foul rule is in effect.

2—Identify the following fighters—The Nebraska Wildcat, The Saginaw Bearcat, the Human Wind Mill, the Cleveland Rubber Man and the Hard Rock from Down Under.

3—What title or titles did the following hold: Ted Kid Lewis, Jimmy McLarnin, Johnny Wilson, Bob Olin, Mike O'Dowd, Al Singer, Bud Taylor, Johnny Ertle, Johnny Coulon, Andre Routis.

4—Who was the A.E.F. Heavyweight champion?

5—What U. S. Senator was once the National Amateur Heavyweight champion of America?

6—What referee became famous because of the "long count".

BOXING IN PANAMA
By PRIVATE P. L. CAPARELL

BOXING in and around the army posts in Panama is booming its way to popularity. Four professional shows have thus far been promoted but with sad results, while a total of 15 amateur shows produced by various army posts have stolen the cream and cake of this profession.

Outstanding among the amateurs on the Pacific side of the Republic is Paul Underberger, middleweight king of the doughboys for three successive years, and young Paul Cook, clever featherweight, who is stealing the hearts of the leather-hungry fans. Since arriving here he has engaged in a total of eight bouts, all of which resulted in K.O.'s. He is a fast, clever boxer with a left hand as fast as lightning and a right as dangerous and explosive as dynamite. He times his punches well, masters his footwork with amazing speed and ingenuity, and is cool at all times under fire. He has proven to be a real threat in the ranks of the leather-mixers and is destined to go a long way. He is only 19 years old.

Popular in the professional ranks are Young Shadow (colored Panamanian Republic lightweight champion); Al Singer, serious featherweight contender, and Young Dado, speedy veteran bantamweight. The season has just started here and competition for the professional division is small but will go better shortly.

Hang on to your hats for some real boxing news next month for we have a real busy month ahead of us. THE RING will report boxing in Panama regularly from now on.

KENTUCKY NEWS
By JOE FRENCH

BOXING continued on its merry comeback in Louisville during the past month, with the fans taking a greater interest in local boxing and turning out in larger numbers for each program. From the fistic standpoint, the local fight game is also improving with both local and out-of-town boxers turning in the best all-action fights seen in Louisville for some time. If the punch and pay business continues to improve as it has been doing the past few months, then Louisville can look forward to a bright future in boxing.

Fight results in Louisville rings, with Hutch Hutchinson as matchmaker, follow: Charlie Eschman, Cincinnati's clever lightweight boxer, outclassed rugged Al Dorlac, St. Louis Frenchman, to win the six-round decision, but found that Phil Jones, local puncher, carried too much weight and too many gloves and lost the verdict in his next appearance. . . . Mack Thompson, former Kentucky amateur middleweight champion, now going good as a pro, banged out a well-earned decision over Joe Watson, fought a draw with Jimmy Davis and knocked out Kenny Lee in six rounds in a thriller that saw both boys on the canvas a number of times.

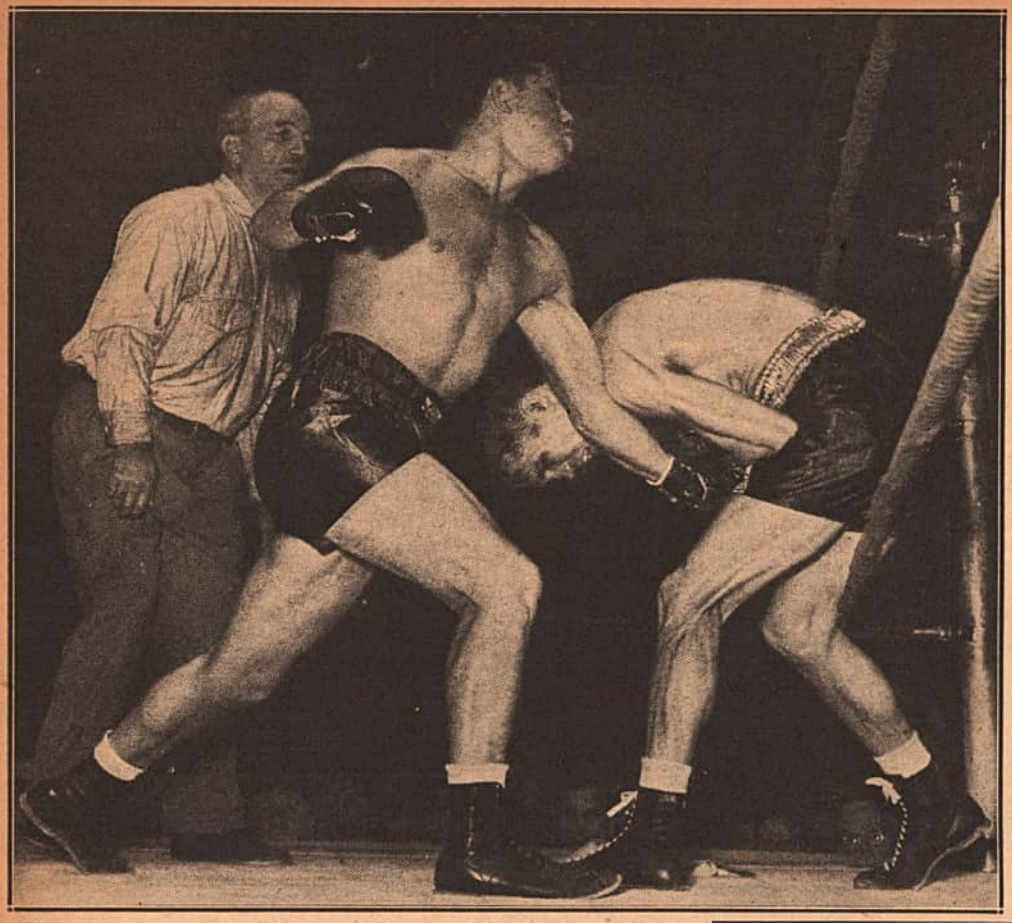
Phil Jones, Louisville welter, added another win to his list by defeating Willie Cutsinger, Cincy's fighting schoolboy, in six hard-fought rounds. . . . Frank Morgan, Buffalo, N. Y., light-heavy, gained a close six-round decision over Al Stephens, the local "John L.," in a slugging affair that saw Morgan hit the deck once and Al going down twice.

Tommy Arden, the best looking middleweight prospect seen here in many a day, punched out a six-round decision over Tony Kramer of Cincinnati, to mark up his fifth straight pro win. . . . Ernie Derho, former Indiana amateur star, who is a stablemate of Arden's, both being handled by Jimmy Dell, started his pro career by outpointing Paul Bunten and Joe Murphy, local veteran. . . . Derho is a welterweight and shows promise. . . . Jimmy Davis, husky middleweight from Owensboro, Ky., fought a six-round draw with George Eschman and scored over Chester Saunders in a pair of crowd-pleasers.

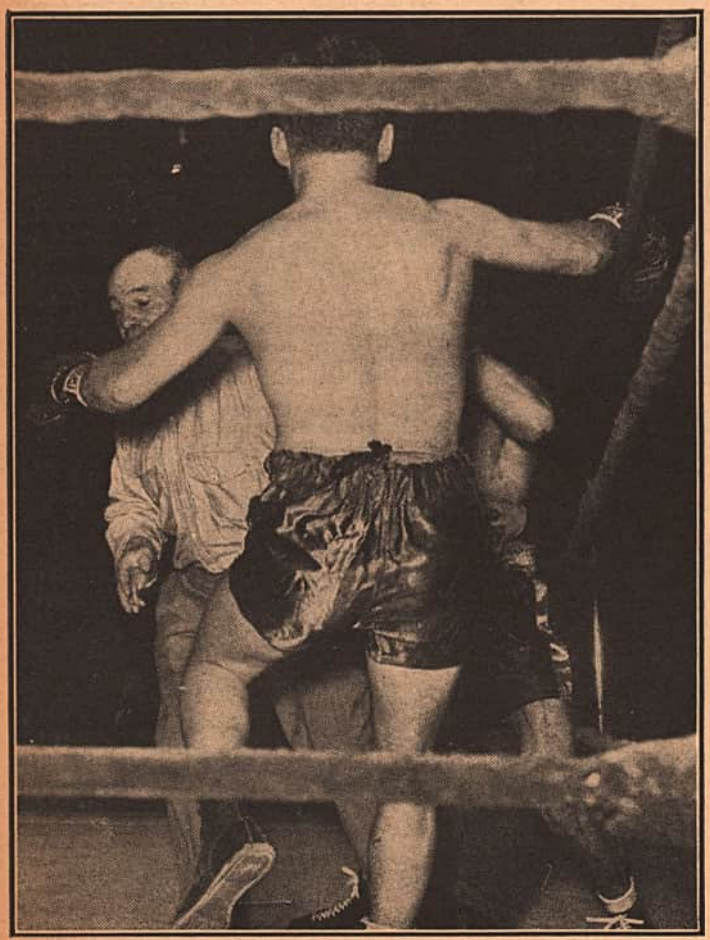
WITH THE SOCKERS AND THEIR SKIPPERS. . . . Bill Tucker, the New Albany, Ind., heavyweight ace, is scheduled to engage in his first fight in New York after having been trained by Whitey Bimstein in the east for two months. . . . A managerial outfit, impressed with Belting Bill's ability, offered $1000 for his contract. . . . Tucker plans to return home for Christmas and Hutch Hutchinson, the Louisville matchmaker, plans to have a tough opponent ready for him. . . . Any managers or fighters who want an up-to-date list of boxing promoters' names and addresses from 24 active fight states, may have same by sending 50 cents in coin and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Joe French, 1015 Tenth Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Sonny Brentz, Louisville featherweight, traveled up to New Haven, Conn., and lost an eight-rounder to Snooks Lacey. . . . Fighters of all weights and sizes, free from managerial connections, who can really fight, should contact this writer. Enclose complete record and a clear photo.

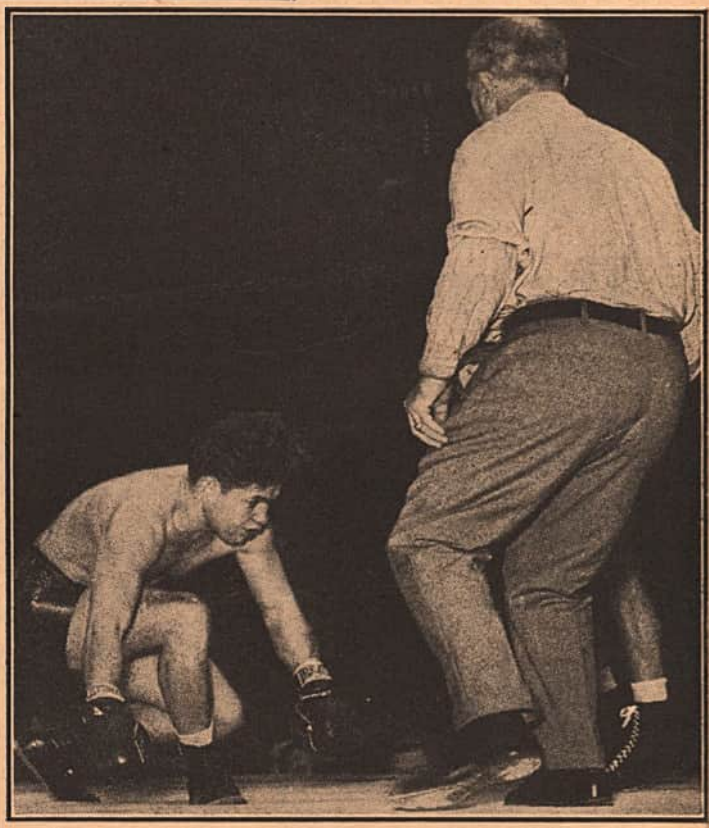
Davis Makes His Exit



The cause is shown in this photo. Bummy, following a disastrous first round, in which he was floored, landed vicious punches below the belt line in the second session. Nine in a row, finally resulted in his disqualification. Note how he sinks his left beneath the cup.



When Referee Cavanagh disqualified Bummy, the latter raced from his corner to resume the fight. Here we see him kicking the official, who tried to halt him.



Davis went down for no count in the first round when Zivic hit him with a sneak punch following the break. Davis, in his trial before the Boxing Commission, claimed that Zivic thumbed him, held him and hit on the break, and that these violations, for which Referee Cavanagh didn't penalize Fritzie, caused Bummy to see "red" in the second round when he took matters in his own hands.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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heavy fine. In any other state but New York, the entire purse would have been confiscated and turned over to charity and such punishment would not have been too great.

Davis' performance was the most disgraceful seen in New York since boxing became legalized. He was provoked, there can be no doubt, by Zivic's tactics in the first round. Fritzie started the rough work by holding and hitting and then catching Al with a smash to the jaw on a break that sent Davis to the canvas for which Zivic failed to receive a penalty. It was Davis' contention that since Referee Cavanagh did not penalize Zivic for his rough work, Al was justified in seeking to even the score in the next round.

But the crowd that packed the Garden didn't think so—at least not those of the 17,104 spectators who didn't wager on Davis to win. They hooted and hissed the Brownsville "tough guy" and shouted for his removal from the ring. But their shouts didn't annoy Bummy. He went on disregarding all rules of sportsmanship in an effort to put the champion out of the picture and might have succeeded had not Referee Cavanagh disqualified him in 2.34 of the second round.

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DAVIS seemed to go blind with rage after taking a sound licking in the opening frame. Al was bleeding from mouth and nose before a minute of the session had been completed and that, combined with the down scored by Zivic when he hit on the break, infuriated the high strung Brooklynite.

The groundwork for the troublesome second round was laid in the opening session when Davis tried to tie Zivic up, but found the champ too smart for him. Zivic literally beat the brains out of his opponent in that frame, and Davis didn't like it.

When the bell ended the round, it was obvious to all, including Bummy and his horde of tribesmen who had bet heavily on him, that his goose was cooked. Whereupon Al, in between rounds, made up his mind that he could stop all this nonsense by crippling his opponent and he set about doing it the moment the bell brought him out of his corner again. Zivic was hurt by the proceedings that followed, but Davis was the greater sufferer when all that followed the fight, is taken into account.

Those who argued that the referee had no right to disqualify Davis because of the "no-foul" rule in New York State, err. Bummy was not disqualified under the no-foul rule. He was disqualified under the rule that gives the referee that power when a fighter refuses to obey the official—and that's exactly what Bummy did when he failed to heed the referee and continued to foul.

The referee's duty at all times is to warn an offender. Constant disregard of warnings is considered grounds for disqualification, in the referee's discretion. The rule covering major fouls under which Davis's low hitting was recorded, empowers the referee to disqualify. Included in the major fouls that merit such action by the referee is one which reads:

"Failure to obey the referee or any physical action which might injure a contestant except by fair, sportsmanship boxing."

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THERE is another side to the Davis case—the flouting of the law by the fighter and his father. When Al Davis swore to an affidavit that he was twenty-one years old, in order that he might be permitted to engage in main event bouts of ten or more rounds, he knew, that his boy was not of age. Yet, now that the commission has ruled that he must pay a penalty of $2500 for his foul action in the fight with Zivic, he has filed suit, with his mother as guardian, for the return of that money. In his affidavit to the court, Bummy states he is under twenty-one and therefore the suit is to be brought in the name of his mother.

The rule which Davis has flouted, is one many other boxers have hurdled by perjuring themselves on the age question.

There can be no harm in having a boy of nineteen or twenty, fight ten rounds. There is more harm done by the evasion of the law through perjury than there can be by permitting such lads to engage in main bouts of ten rounds. Many a champion has won a title when twenty. Keeping the age rule on the books, invites a continuation of its mockery by subterfuge. Let's do away with it.

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THE fight between Joe Louis, world heavyweight King, and Al McCoy, the first heavyweight title contest staged in Boston, resulted as was expected. The Brown Bomber stopped his man, who refused to come out as the bell sounded for the sixth round, because of a badly swollen left eye. Ray Arcel, chief second for the challenger, shielded his battered charge from further punishment, and thus ended Louis' twelfth title defense.

The affair was a most disappointing one from the point of view of finance and action, but in other respects it brought to the heavyweight situation exactly what Mike Jacobs wanted—the right kind of a ballyhoo for the proposed Conn-Louis fight which is scheduled for next June. The Bomber's poor performance, with more missing than he has ever been guilty of exhibiting, made those who attended the show go home with the thought that Conn won't do so badly, especially if Louis performs as he did against McCoy, an ordinary heavyweight.

Only 13,334 fight fans saw the champ in action and they paid a gross of $51,678 to see the fight. The net was $42,282. Louis scaled 202½ pounds as against 180¾ pounds for his rival. That difference of 21½ pounds proved a big factor in the final result, as will be the case when Louis faces Conn.

McCoy was dropped for a one-count from two terrific left hooks to the side that first spun McCoy around then caused him to go down. Up to the end of the fight, the crowd was satisfied. The loyal Boston rooters cheered heartily for McCoy, but it was obvious from the start, that, stale as Louis was, he would get his man via the knockout route. McCoy, like Godoy and Pastor before him, bewildered Louis by his crouching style. After the fight, Louis remarked he liked Conn as an opponent because he felt that Billy would give him a stand-up battle and would mix it. The fight, in my opinion, added to the proof that no matter what one may think of Conn's chance against Louis he outclasses the field of challengers other than Max Baer.

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THE return engagement between Steve Belloise and Ken Overlin for Ken's N. Y. State portion of the world middleweight title, was far from the exciting bout they fought a few weeks previously. Ken, ill with an attack of the flu, was off his usual good form, yet he managed, according to the judges, to retain his crown by a safe margin.

Referee Donovan, however, dissented, his vote being nine for Belloise, four for Ken and two even.

It was an ordinary battle, with little to arouse any excitement among the huge gathering of 16,350 who paid $42,338.38. Ken proved too cute for Steve who seemed to have forgotten to toss his best punches.

The fight lacked the spark of their first battle, in which Steve all but had Ken out in the sixth round. Belloise's best work was done at close range where he peppered Ken's side with hard wallops, but that type of execution was insufficient to catch the eyes of the officials. Now if only a Zale-Overlin match can be arranged, the middleweight mess will be cleared and a real world title holder will sit on the throne. Let's hope it can be done.

The Ring's Quiz Answers

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HERE are the answers to the questions printed on page 43:

1—Heeling, thumbing, hitting on the break, gouging, hitting with the back hand, hitting below the belt, hitting an opponent who is down or is getting up after being down, butting, using the knee, use of pivot blow or rabbit punch, failure to obey the referee—any of these will bring a warning and repeated use will result in disqualification.

2—Nebraska Wildcat, Ace Hudkins; Saginaw Bearcat, Ad Wolgast; Human Wind Mill, Harry Greb; Cleveland Rubber Man, Johnny Risko, Hard Rock from Down Under, Tom Heeney.

3—Ted Kid Lewis, welter; Jim McLarnin, welter; Johnny Wilson, middleweight; Bob Olin, light-heavy; Mike O'Dowd, middle; Al Singer, lightweight; Bud Taylor, Johnny Coulon and Johnny Ertle, all bantams; Andre Routis, feather.

4—The A.E.F. heavyweight champion was Bob Martin.

5—Warren Barbour was U.S. National heavyweight champion amateur.

6—Dave Barry became famous because of the Long Count.

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SECTIONAL RATINGS

IN an effort to develop local interest in the boys who are fighting their way to national recognition, THE RING has had its correspondents list the boxers of their localities according to ability as exemplified in their 1940 contests. Here is THE RING'S annual sectional ranking of boxers:

COAL REGION RATINGS
By Joe Brady

Heavyweights—Hughie Glynn, Scranton; Joe Downey, Scranton; Wally Sears, Minersville.
Light-heavyweights—Jack Munley, Old-Forge; Bull Santos, Pottsville; Johnny Snyder, Wilkes-Barre.
Middleweights—Gene Pinter, McAdoo; Jimmy Young, Dunmore; Emil Kozel, Throop.
Welterweights—Howard Burton, Wilkes-Barre; Billy Davis, Minersville; Neil Miller, Wilkes-Barre.
Lightweights—Joe Kelly, Nanticoke; Lou Murphy, Scranton; Mal Lewis, Nanticoke.
Featherweights—Billy Speary, Nanticoke; Eddie O'Leary, Wilkes-Barre; Jimmy Dolphin, Dunmore.
No bantams or flyweights.

WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE RATINGS
By Nate Phillips

Heavyweight—Bill Boyd.
Light-heavyweight—Johnny Kopovich.
Middleweight—Georgie Abrams.
Welterweight—Eddie Finazzo.
Lightweight—Billy Garrigan.
Featherweight—Harry Jeffra.

ROCHESTER RATINGS
By Sam Porcelli

Heavyweights—Johnny Flynn, Johnny Walker.
Light-heavyweights—Jimmy Lee, Lee Milo, Jimmy Allen.
Middleweights—Tony Decarlo, Bob Inghan.
Welterweights—Hughie Smith, Jerry Spalma, Frankie Klick.
Lightweights—Nello Nucelli, Ossie Sussman, Eddie Smith, Mickey Devine.
Featherweights—Henry Smith, Angie Atta.
Bantamweights—Alex Costa, Shorty Dowd.
Flyweight—Shorty Dowd.

MISSOURI-KANSAS RATINGS
By Dick Carter

Heavyweight—Otis Thomas, St. Louis; Tony Novak, Kansas City, Kan.; Irish Dan Dowling, St. Louis; Cyclone Williams, St. Louis; Charley Neaves, Kansas City, Mo.
Light-heavyweight—Jimmy Webb, St. Louis; Lewis "Brother" Jackson, Kansas City, Mo.; Clarence Jones, St. Louis; Joey Parks, St. Louis.
Middleweight—Deacon Logan, St. Louis; Archie Moore, St. Louis; Allan Matthews, St. Louis; Charley Dawson, St. Louis; Johnny Gordon, Kansas City, Mo.; Harry Mills, Kansas City, Mo.
Welterweights—Jimmy Garrison, Kansas City, Mo.; Dave Riley, St. Louis; Pat Kissinger, Kansas City, Kans.; Billy Moyer, Hays, Kans.; Vince McCoy, Kansas City, Mo.; Don Matthes, Hutchinson, Kans.
Lightweights—Baby Breese, Manhattan, Kans.; Jackie Simmons, Kansas City, Mo.; Charley Miegel, Kansas City, Mo.; Al Dorlac, St. Louis; Baby Lou Alcanter, Kansas City, Kans.
Featherweights—Dickie Wells, St. Louis; Merle (Terry) Thompson, St. Louis; Chester Ellis, Kansas City, Mo.

MINNESOTA STATE RATINGS
By Darwin Gomer

Heavyweights—Lee Savold, St. Paul; Johnny Hanschen, Minneapolis; Johnny Erjavec, Duluth; Billy Miske, St. Paul; Johnny Stevens, St. Paul; Kid Miller, St. Cloud.
Light-heavyweights—Sam Stupar, Nashwank; Jimmy Collins, Minneapolis; Kelly Ward, Minneapolis; Gordon Palmer, Minneapolis; Earl Paterson, Appleton; Ted Morrison, Fort Snelling; Worth London, Mankato.
Middleweights—Art Lind, Alborn; Don Espenson, Minneapolis; Warren Corbett, Minneapolis; Earl Peterson, Appleton.
Welterweights—Don Espenson, Minneapolis; Emmett Weller, St. Paul; Don Swenson, St. Paul; Floyd Hagen, St. Paul; Peter Felippa, Keewatin; Dave Nins, Duluth; Tom Shaugnessy, St. Paul; Dick Lancette, St. Paul; Pedro Lopez, Dilworth.
Lightweights—Billy Smith, Minneapolis; Mike Valentine, Duluth; Jack Nitti, St. Paul.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RATINGS
By T. W. McNiel

Heavyweight—Frankie "Cyclone" Lynch, Aguilar, Colorado.
Light-heavyweight—Ernie Collins, Reno, Nevada.
Middleweight—Billy Pryor, Pueblo, Colorado.
Welterweight—Jackie Burke, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Lightweight—Larry Cisneros, Questa, N. M.
Featherweight—Abie Valdez, San Luis, Colorado.
Bantamweight—Jack Cordova, Durango, Colorado.
Flyweight—John Henry, Center, Colorado.

RATINGS FROM CUBA
By Milt Baron

Light-heavyweight—Kid Tunero.
Middleweights—Reynaldo Gutierrez, Angel Ruiz, Ramon Molina, Ramon Crespo, Felipe Mendnedez.
Welterweights—Joe Legon, Manolo Sanchez, Andres Gomez, Ramiro Almagro, Saturnino Rico, Bobby Pancho.
Lightweights—Joe Pedroso, Mario Baeza, Baby Chichi, Young Souval, Reinaldo Puentipi, Julio Pedroso, Rosendo Brunet.
Featherweights—Santiago Sosa, Pedro Martinez, Pablo Roca, Pedro Poey, Rene Cantero, Kid Rapidez, Guillermo Barrios.
Bantamweights—Lorenzo Safora, Pedro Medina, Zenobio Becerra, Chile Cantero, Baby Canzoneri, Orlando Ramil, Diego Sosa, Moises Rodriguez, Edward De La Torre.
Flyweights—Mario Morales, Kid Espinosa, Juan Arango, Sergio Napoles, Humberto Sierra, Miguel Bahamonde.

NEW ENGLAND RATINGS
By Mark Fannon

Heavyweights—Natie Mann (champion), Al McCoy, Tony Shucco, Tiger Warrington, Johnny Shkor.
Light-heavyweights—Al Gainer, Art McAlpine, Al Sinibaldi, Danny Needham, Ted Lowry.
Middleweights—Coley Welch, Henry Chmielewski (champion), Frankie Nelson, Howell King, Babe Verila.
Welterweights—Mike Kaplan (champion), Jimmy Leto, Eddie Dolan, Cocoa Kid, George Martin, George Henry.
Lightweights—Dave Castilloux (champion), Julie Kogon, Slugger White, Johnny Bellus, Red Guggino, George Salamone.
Featherweights—Abe Denner (champion), Sal Bartolo, Larry Bolvin, Bob "Poison" Ivy, Joey Iannotti, Al Mancini.
Bantamweight—Paul Herrick.

CONNECTICUT RATINGS
By Don Hamill

Heavyweights—Nathan Mann, Hamden; Charley Eagle, Waterbury; George Fitch, New Haven; Lee Q. Murray, South Norwalk.
Light-heavyweight—Al Gainer, New Haven.
Middleweight—Maxie Katz, Waterbury.
Welterweights—Irish Eddie Dolan, Waterbury; Jimmy Leto, Hartford; Cocoa Kid, New Haven; Oscar Suggs, New Haven; Pete Koloff, Rockville; Red Moffett, Devon; Dick Turcotte, Waterbury.
Lightweights—Johnny Bellus, New Haven; Red Guggino, Hartford; Julie Kogon, New Haven.
Featherweights—Bobby Ivy, Hartford; Joey Iannotti, New Haven; Snooks Lacey, New Haven; Johnny Compo, New Haven.
Bantamweight—Earl Roys, Bristol.
Flyweight—None.

RATINGS OF MISSOURI
By Robert B. Dana

Heavyweights—Otis Thomas, Tony Novak, Dan Dowling.
Light-heavyweights—Clarence Jones, Jimmy Webb, Charley Dawson.
Middleweights—Archie Moore, Deacon Logan, Allan Matthews.
Welterweights—Henry Armstrong, Jimmy Garrison, Billy Beauhuld.
Lightweights—Baby Breese, Pat Kissinger, Joe Gnouly.
Featherweights—Chester Ellis, Murl Thompson, Dickie Wells.
Bantamweight—Eddie Lee.
Flyweight—Baby Alcanter.

SOUTHERN OHIO RATINGS
By Jimmy Amann

Heavyweights—Buddy Walker, Columbus; Buddy Knox, Dayton; Johnny Whiters, Columbus.
Light-heavyweights—Pick Johnson, Portsmouth; Gib Jones, Mt. Washington; Frankie Morgan, Cincinnati.
Middleweights—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati; Remo Fernandez, Columbus; Billy Adams, Cincinnati.
Welterweights—Jack Carpenter, Columbus; Cleo McNeal, Canton.
Lightweights — Herschel Joiner, Cincinnati; Willie Russell, Columbus; Lloyd Pine, Barberton.
Featherweights—Joe Marinelli, Dayton; Jackie Taylor, Columbus.
Bantamweights—Freddie Pope, Columbus; Joey Palmo, Cincinnati.
Flyweights—None.

RATINGS OF SOUTHERN BOXERS
By Tom Ephrem

Heavyweights—Bob Sikes, Jack Marshall, Tiger Neville Beech, Tommy Gomez, Marty Clark.
Light-heavyweights—Jimmy Webb, Jack Baggett.
Middleweights—Ken Overlin, Al Bernard, Ben Brown, Wild Bill McDowell, Billy Colbert.
Welterweights—Jack Larrimore, Jerome Conforto, Garvey "Lefty" Young, Sammy Magro, Ben Montabana, Bobby Britton.
Lightweights—Lew Jenkins, Sammy Angott, Ervin Berlier, Yucatan Kid, Normen Quarles.
Featherweights—Jimmy Perrin, Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, Richard Polite, Sammy Musco, Darse Robertson.
Bantamweight—Tommy Kiene.
Flyweight—None.

FLORIDA RATINGS
By Tom Ephrem

Heavyweights—Tommy Gomez, Marty Clark, Elmer Kid Ray.
Light-heavyweights—None.
Middleweights—Larry Anzalone, Billy Colbert, Al Gilbert, Jimmy Lowery, Russ Golding.
Welterweights—Jack Larrimore, Bobby Britton.
Lightweights—Yucatan Kid, Don Eddy, Justo Jiminez, Joey Raymond, Clarence King.
Featherweight—Jimmy Kidd Hatcher.

MICHIGAN RATINGS
By Mickey McIntire

Heavyweights—Roscoe Toles, Johnny Whiters, Don Siegel, Floyd Gibbons, Wee Willie Williams.
Light-heavyweights—Dave Clark, Lee Oma, Marty Simmons, Arnold Pillen.
Middleweights—George Burnette, Holman Williams, Joe Sutka, Billy Bengal, Chuck Hurst.
Welterweights—Bobby McIntire, Young Kid McCoy, Al Nettlow, Mansfield Driskell, Harold Smith, Pat Carroll.
Lightweights—Bobby McIntire, Wesley Ramey, Jorge Morelia, Pat Carroll, Eddie Scott.
Featherweights—Eddie Sedliar, Charley Parham, Bert Ardt.
Bantamweights—K.O. Morgan, Benny Goldberg, Charley Parham, Herb Wiley.

NORTHWEST RATINGS
By Dave Cavadas

Heavyweights—Al Delaney, Jock McComber, Eddie Wenstob.
Light-heavyweights—Tiger Jack Fox, Chuck Nickason, Chester Parks.
Middleweights—Al Hostak, Powder Proctor, A. Matthews.
Welterweights—Jimmy Ward, Julius Troll, Mickey McGuire, Bud Smith.
Lightweights—Paul Smith, Al Spina, Gordon Thompson, Ernie Swartz, Toby Crooks.
Featherweights—Jimmy Chapman, Buddy Loftus, Phil Palmer.
Bantamweights—Jimmy Chapman, Kenny Lindsay.
Flyweight—None.

CALIFORNIA RATINGS
By Harry Winkler

Heavyweights—Max Baer, Buddy Baer, Lou Nova, Turkey Thompson, Tommy Martin.
Light-heavyweights—Turkey Thompson, Pat Valentino, Lloyd Marshall, Newsboy Milich, Jack Coggins.
Middleweights—Ceferino Garcia, Archie Moore, Fred Apostoli, Shorty Hogue, Jimmy Casino.
Welterweights—Jackie Wilson, Red Green, Jimmy Garrison, Georgie Crouch, Tony Chavez.
Lightweights—Jackie Wilson, Toby Vigil, George Latka, Baby Arizmendi, Nick Peters.
Featherweights—Verne Bybee, Guy Serean, Danny LaVerne, Charlie Miegel, Carlos Chavez.
Bantamweights—Little Dado, Tony Olivera, Rush Dalma, Chick Delaney, Little Pancho.
Flyweights—Little Dado, Little Pancho, Manuel Ortiz, Jackie Jurich, Nick DePosta.

RATINGS FOR ARKANSAS
By Clyde Smith

Heavyweights—Bob Sikes of Pine Bluff, Southern champion; Paul Duke of North Little Rock, Jimmy Merriott of Little Rock, Russell Long of Hector.
Light-heavyweights—Sidney Scarlett of Pine Bluff, Billy Walker of Little Rock (colored).
Middleweights—Don Marshall of Bauxite, Jack Byrd, Blytheville; Harold Lee, Bauxite.
Welterweights—Billy Davis, Hot Springs; Doyle Venable, Dierks; Rusty Jones, Bauxite.
Lightweights—Johnny Lovell, North Little Rock; Woody Bell, Bauxite; Freddy Richardson, Little Rock.
Featherweights—Vernon Hogue, Hot Springs; Joe Ackerman, Little Rock.

BUFFALO, N. Y. RATINGS
By Hugh Shannon

Middleweight—Jackie Donovan.
Lightweight—Harris Blake.
None in other classes worth mentioning.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RATINGS
By Sheridan Brown

Heavyweights—Max Baer, Buddy Baer, Lou Nova, Harold Blackshear, Pat Valentino.
Light-heavyweights—No activity.
Middleweights—Fred Apostoli and Young Corbett 111, Little Tiger Wade, Eddie Booker, Billy Latka.
Welterweights—Little Tiger Wade, Joe Ybarra, Sheik Rangel, Flash Sebastian, Joe Gavras.
Lightweights—George Latka, Cecil Hudson, Verne Bybee, Danny LaVerne.
Featherweights—Verne Bybee, Chick Delaney, Danny LaVerne.
Bantamweights—Tony Olivera, Little Dado, Little Pancho, Rush Dalma, Jackie Jurich.
Flyweights—Little Pancho, Little Dado, Jackie Jurich.

NEW ENGLAND RATINGS
By "Doc" Almy
(Boston Post)

Heavyweights—Nathan Mann, Tony Shucco, Terry "Tiger" Warrington, Al McCoy, Johnny Shkor, Larry Lovett, George Fitch.
Light-heavyweights—Terry "Tiger" Warrington, Al Gainer.
Middleweights—Henry Chmielewski, Howell King, Coley Welch, Frankie Nelson, Ted Lowry, Babe Verilla, Frankie Britt.
Welterweights—Mike Kaplan, Jimmy Leto, Louis Kid Cocoa, George Martin, Irish Eddie Dolan, Ralph Zanelli, Ernest "Cat" Robinson, Fred Cabral, Red Moffet, George Henry, Buster Carroll, Oscar Suggs, Billy Tordiglione.
Lightweights—Dave Castilloux, Paul Junior, Pat Foley, Red Guggino, Johnny Bellus, Slugger White, George Salamone, Harry Gentile, Billy Lancaster, Al Gauthier.
Featherweights—Abe Denner, Larry Foley, Al Mancini, Sal Bartola, Bobby Ivy, Dom DiCiantis, Joey Archibald, Joe Iannotti, Sammy Garcia, Tony Costa.
No bantamweights or flyweights.

PITTSBURGH RATINGS
By Ray M. Todd

Heavyweights—Billy Conn, Harry Bobo, George Hughes, Charley Massera, Big Jim Thompson.
Light-heavyweights—Billy Conn, Irv Sarlin, Teddy Yarosz, Lloyd Marshall, Irish Jackie Haley, Ira Hughes, Mose Brown.
Middleweights—Billy Soose, Charley Burley, Ossie Harris, Freddie Lenn, Joey Mattis, Lou Pitts, Steve Kullich.
Welterweights—Fritzie Zivic, Charley Burley, Erv Hicks, George Silvacy, Tommy Yarosz, Johnny Cregan, Tommy Daniels, Billy Morris.
Lightweights—Sammy Angott, Tommy Speigal, Johnny Rucker, Sammy Adragna, Jiggs McKnight, Sammy Parotta.
Featherweights—Canada Lee, Billy Bates, Mimmie Adragna, Tony Roma, Eddie Tuscher, Bruno Pucci.
We haven't any fighters in the two lightest classes, bantamweight and flyweight.

TEXAS RATINGS
By Bill Davee

Heavyweights—Buddy Scott, Jack Marshall, Babe Ritchie.
Light-heavyweights—Jimmy Webb, Maxie Long, Carl Dalio.
Middleweights—Elby Pettaway, Augie Arellano, Robert "Pork Chops" Alexander.
Welterweights—Willie Neyland, Bill McDowell, Russell Ramirez.
Lightweights—Lew Jenkins, Nick Peters, Lee Harper.
Featherweights—Henry Hook, Johnny Ramos, K. O. Barrado.
Bantamweights—None.
Flyweights—None.

CANADIAN RATINGS
By Lawson Bampton

Heavyweights—Champion, Tiger Warrington; 1, Oliver Shank; 2, Larry Bouchard.
Light-heavyweights—Champion, Tiger Warrington; 1, Eddie Wenstob; 2, Bill Sparks.
Middleweights—Champion, Len Wadsworth; 1, Frankie Genovese.
Welterweights—Champion, Sammy Luftspring; 1, Maxie Berger; 2, Norman Hurdman.
Lightweights—Champion, Dave Castilloux; 1, Billy Marquart; 2, Harry Hurst.
Featherweights—Title vacant; 1, Jackie Callura; 2, Spider Armstrong; 3, Danny Webb.
Bantamweights—Title vacant; 1, Eddie Petrin; 2, Scotty Ramage.
Flyweights—Champion, Desse Greene; 1, Ken Lindsay; 2, Aurelien Lamothe.

ILLINOIS RATINGS
By Gene Engel

Heavyweights—Lem Franklin, Tony Musto, Altus Allen, Henry Wacker, Carl Vinciquerra.
Light-heavyweights—Eddie Campo, Booker Beckworth, Settimis Terricini, Star Harvey and Paul Frazier.
Middleweights—Tony Zale, Milt Aron, Natie Bolden, Johnny Barbara.
Welterweights—Holman Williams, Leonard Bennett, Jack Cooper, Tito Taylor, Tony Motisi.
Lightweights—Pete Lello, Davey Day, Nick Castiglione, Leo Rodak, Willie Joyce.
Featherweights—Frankie Covelli, Eddie Dempsey, Gene Ward, Henry Huerta, Armando Sicilia.
No bantams or flyweights.

RATINGS OF WISCONSIN BOXERS
By Matt Dougherty

Heavyweights—Billy Gillespie, Mickey Hayes.
Middleweights—Tony (Ciancola) Martin, Tony Bruno, Jimmy Pierce.
Welterweights—Indian Billy Lee, Ray McKnight, Ralph Leslie.
Lightweights—Annunzio Ferraro, Matt Mihalovich.
Featherweights—Phil Zwick, Frankie Gaudes.
Bantamweight—Johnny Gaudes.

CLEVELAND RATINGS
By Sparky Rudolph

Heavyweights—Patsy Perroni, Lem Franklin, Buddy Walker, Buddy Knox, Eddie Simms.
Light-heavyweights—Lloyd Marshall, Jimmy Reeves, Willie Muldune, Max Minnich.
Middleweight—Jimmy Bivins.
Welterweights—Frankie Wallace, Cleo McNeil.
Lightweights—Mike Gamiere, Georgie Toy, Lee Sheppard, Jimmy White.
Featherweight—Joe Marinelli.
Bantamweights—Freddie Pope, George Pace, Lou Laurie.

PHILADELPHIA RATINGS
By Nat Frank

Heavyweights—Gus Dorazio, Henry Taylor, Willie Reddish, Nick Fiorentino, Joe Downey.
Light-heavyweights—Tony Cisco, Eddie Miller, Bob Wilson, Wally Sears, Joe Barr.
Middleweights—Roxie Forgione, Young Gene Buffalo, Ossie Stewart, Johnny Carter, Georgie Miller.
Welterweights—Mayon Padlo, Reds Graber, Danny Falco, Buck Streator, Billy Mims.
Lightweights—Bob Montgomery, Jimmy Tygh, Billy Maher, Mike Evans, Tommy Cross.
Featherweights—Bobby Green, Al Brown, Johnny Forte, Johnny Marcelline, Tony Tedesco.
Bantamweights—Tommy Forte, Frankie Donato.

Famous Finishers

(Continued from page 33)

Nat Lewis, the old time manager declares that Benny Leonard was the fastest finisher he ever saw.

Stanley Ketchel was a fast finisher. After he had fought Jack Sullivan a twenty round draw in Butte, Ketchel ran up a string of twenty-one knockouts. True, they were victims culled from the "sticks" around Butte, Mont., yet they were most part quick knockouts. Ketchel relished a fight over a distance. He liked to take his time if there was a twenty round fight in front of him. He could win quickly in the first or in the thirty-second round as he did when he knocked out Joe Thomas.

When the time came for the finish Ketchel fairly exploded with fury.

Sam Langford was a superb finisher. Often he could call the round and the punch. He knocked out big Harry Wills in Los Angeles in this fashion. Sam didn't like one of the scribes in that town and in a clinch, Sam leaned over the ropes and said to the writer he disliked:

"Get ready to ketch this Brown Panther! I'm gonna knock him into your lap with a right cross in the next round."

Remarkable prognosticating! That's exactly how it ended, punch and all!

Paul Berlenbach, powerful, rather awkward, was a furious finisher when he got ready to "dress up" his victim. He was a cruel body puncher. Old Dan Hickey, hero of many Fitzsimmons camps and boxing instructor at the New York Athletic Club, found Paul in a wrestling squad and fancied that Paul would be a greater success as a fighter. He landed Paul on the light-heavyweight throne and woe betide the man Paul got in trouble!

He was the best body puncher to come along in a long stretch of years. If a man weakened in front of him, the end was quick, decisive.

Charley White of Chicago, with his peculiar, stiff-armed left uppercut to the jaw, was a deadly finisher. He stretched them with a single punch, just as Dal Hawkins did, with the exception that Hawkins dropped his left hook down instead of bringing it up like White did.

Both men followed the theory of surprise, contending that if you landed a jarring punch to the jaw without the other fellow's eye having seen it start or come, the element of surprise was there, the brain was shocked because the eye had not warned of its coming and the result was the same as if the hapless one had been hit from behind with a blackjack. Hawkins often "lost" his man after flattening him out like an old attic carpet. Hawkins was on the frail side, never weighing more than 128 at his best. He met the tough lightweights of his time, Gans, Erne, Owen Ziegler, Charley McKeever, Martin Flaherty, Kid McPartland, Elbows McFadden and Spike Sullivan.

Hawkins fought Martin Flaherty in Carson City on the day that Corbett lost his title to Fitzsimmons. The bell rang, they went quickly to the center and Hawkins dropped his left hook on Flaherty's chin, a fourteen-second knockout. Hawkins always disputed the quick knockout record with Battling Nelson. Bat claimed it, saying that he had knocked out Billy Rossiter in two seconds, plus the ten count, in Chicago.

Hawkins maintained that a slow-moving fellow like Nelson never could have got his man in two seconds for the simple reason that he couldn't have left his corner and got to the center of the ring to land the knockout punch in that time. I'll string along with Hawkins on that, having seen Nelson fight many times and knowing that he wasn't that speedy. Hawkins died in San Francisco recently and he went to his grave without ever having been accredited with the swiftest "finish" on record.

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TERRY McGOVERN blasted his way through to many quick finishes. He was a rusher and he could punch. Many old timers still vow he was the greatest fighting machine of all time and the fastest finisher.

Young Corbett, a hard hitter, could finish a man quickly when he got him going. Corbett's downfall was his dislike for training. He enjoyed life and never wanted to set aside the good things to eat and drink for the rigors of training. Inclined to be pudgy, he had the pudgy man's slant on life.

Kid McCoy could polish them off with breath-taking dispatch when he got a man in groggy condition. He was the trickiest fighter who ever lived and if he got a man in a fog that fellow never came out of it.

Some of the greatest fighters the ring has ever known failed when it came to finishing a man quickly because they lacked the punch. The punch is the basis for all speedy finales.

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IN OUR QUESTION BOX

By NAT FLEISCHER

Mike Tarranto, Denver, Col.

Q.—I have often read in THE RING about "White Hopes" who flourished in pre-world war days. Who were the "White Hopes?" Why were they so-called?

A.—The "White Hopes" were men of the Caucasian race who were striving to dethrone Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight champion of the world. They sprung up in every nook and corner. Managers and promoters went searching for them. It was a craze in those days. Many fine white heavyweights were developed or discovered, among them, Luther McCarty, Al Kaufman, Arthur Pelkey, Fred Fulton, Bombardier Billy Wells, Al Palzer, Gunboat Smith, Jim Stewart, Jim Coffey, Jess Willard, Carl Morris, Jim Kennedy and many others. McCarty was the best of the lot, but he was killed in one round by Pelky. A heart attack in their Calgary fight, promoted by Tommy Burns, proved fatal. Then Jess Willard came into the picture and eventually won back the crown for the white race from Johnson.

Memphis Bill, Memphis, Tenn.

Q.—Has the South ever had a world champion?

A.—Yes, Jack Johnson came from Galveston, Texas; Pete Herman came from New Orleans, La., Jenkins comes from Sweetwater, Texas. Tiger Flowers came from Atlanta, Georgia; Vince Dundee and his brother Joe, were from Baltimore, Maryland; Petey Sarron hailed from Birmingham, Alabama.

Chris Formento, Milwaukee, Wis.

Q.—What was the largest gate for a world featherweight championship fight?

A.—I haven't complete figures on such contests but I believe that the contest between Johnny Dundee and Eugene Criqui, that drew $134,116 on July 26, 1923, in which Dundee won the crown, was the biggest.

Al Felling, San Haven, N. Dak.

Q.—I would like to know the date of the first Louis-Pastor fight—the one that went ten rounds? Also the date that Louis won the championship? Can a heavyweight championship bout be for less than 15 rounds? Is the heavyweight title at stake at all times—even though he fights an exhibition bout?

A.—First Pastor-Louis fight was January 27, 1937. Louis won his title from Braddock on June 22, 1937. Yes, it can be for less rounds. Heavyweight title is always at stake whether it be a four, six or ten round bout. In a case where it is specified as an exhibition with a sparring partner then there would be no title at stake.

Harold Finn, Jacksonville, Florida

Q.—In what class of pugilists would you place the following: Kid Chocolate; Tommy Loughran, Jack Dempsey, Henry Armstrong?

A.—Chocolate and Loughran, the clever type fighter; Dempsey, the weaving, crouching school and Armstrong, the aggressive, boring-in, body punching school of fighters.

Sam Musnick, Charlotte, N. C.

Q.—How old was Gene Tunney when he retired? Would you call Tunney a great fighter?

A.—Tunney retired at the age of 29. Yes, Tunney was a great fighter, because he was a great thinker, one of the best in the modern school of pugilists. He was extremely clever and was not a softie in hitting as was seen in his two fights with Dempsey, his bout with Tom Heeney and the number of victories he scored.

Alan Bughbee, Trenton, N. J.

Q.—Who in recent years, would you class as the best defensive fighter?

A.—I would place Tommy Loughran on top; Gene Tunney next, and Billy Conn third.

Sam Schonberg, Baltimore, Md.

Q.—Did Boba Moha hold a world title?

A.—No. He was a good fighter.

Pat Stryker, San Francisco, Cal.

Q.—I am an amateur fighter who gets winded after two rounds. I also feel sick at my stomach after I am hit a few times. My physicians say I have a strong heart and am in fine physical condition, yet I have these ailments. What do you think is wrong?

A.—First, you lack endurance which you can get by road work, long walks, outdoor exercises. Don't make this too strenuous. Start your road work with a one mile combination run, jaunt, and jog. Do some climbing while on the road. All of this will aid your wind. Once you stop getting winded, you'll be able to continue for more than two rounds.

As for the stomach trouble, you must harden your stomach muscles. If as you say, the doctor has given you his o.k., then all you need is exercises for developing and strengthening the abdominal muscles. Do bending exercises, rowing, wood chopping. Read my book, Training for Boxing and follow the exercises given in that, or better still, get my Universal Boxing Course, book two of which is devoted entirely to exercises.

Richard Gastelum, Pasedena, Cal.

Q.—I am 14 years, 11 months old, am five feet 7 inches and weigh 125 pounds. What will I be at 21? What chance do you think Richard Lemos would have with Harry Jeffra? What do you think of George Latka or Toby Vigil against Jenkins or Angott. Jackie Wilson with the last two named?

A.—5 feet 9½ inches and weight 150 pounds. Jeffra might be too clever for him. Latka and Vigil might whip Jenkins. Latka and Angott are fairly even. Angott would outpoint Vigil. Wilson would have no trouble with Jenkins or Angott.

Pete Lordi, Baltimore, Md.

Q.—What is the nationality of Barney Ross, Izzy Jannazzo, Benny Leonard, Pete Lello, Fritzie Zivic, Billy Soose, Battling Nelson, Harry Jeffra and Dave Castilloux?

A.—Hebrew, Italian, Hebrew, Polish, Croatian, Irish, Danish, Italian and French Canadian.

Frank Stovall, Meriden, Conn.

Q.—When the boxing commission in New York recently ruled that Referee Cavanagh was justified in disqualifying Al Davis, didn't it violate its own no-foul rules?

A.—No, not at all. Davis was disqualified under the rule that penalizes a fighter for gross disobedience of rules. When he continued to foul Zivic, he was violating the rules of sportsmanship and when warned to stop and he didn't the referee had the right to halt the bout under the "sportsmanship" section of the rules.

Sal Whittaker, Los Angeles, Cal.

Q.—When does the knockdown timer start to count over a fallen fighter?

A.—The count starts, after the boxer's body, any portion of it, touches the canvas.

Russell Brown, Corinnas, Maine

Q.—What were Gene Tunney's measurements when he fought Jack Dempsey in Philadelphia? Has Lou Ambers retired? Is Overlin the cleverest middleweight of to-day? I am 15 years old, weigh 124, stand 5 feet 7½ inches, about what will I be when 21?

A.—Gene Tunney's measurements at that time were: Height—6 ft. 1½ in.; weight—185½; Waist—34 ins.; Reach—77 ins.; Biceps—14½ ins.; Neck—17 ins.; Calf—15½ ins. Chest, normal—42 ins.; expanded—45 ins.; ankle—9 ins.; thigh—23 ins. Ambers will soon resume his career. Overlin is one of the cleverest, if not the cleverest middleweight now in the game. You should be about 6 feet tall and weigh about 138 pounds at 21.

Phil Loessing, Louisville, Kentucky

Q.—Why isn't Sammy Angott recognized as world champion?

A.—He is so recognized by the N.B.A., but since the champion at the time when such recognition was given Angott, was Lou Ambers and Ambers was defeated by Lew Jenkins, the latter, not Angott, is the legitimate world title holder. The same applies to N.B.A.'s champion featherweight, Scalza.

Archie Summers, Chicago, Ill.

Q.—Was Pete Lello an amateur before he fought professionally?

A.—Yes, he was in the Chicago Golden Gloves tournament, and won an inter-city championship match in New York City.

Lester Peabody, Kansas City, Mo.

Q.—How long did Sammy Mandell hold the lightweight title? Barney Ross?

A.—Mandell won the crown in 1926 and held it until he was defeated by Al Singer via the knockout route in one round in 1930. Barney Ross won the lightweight championship from Tony Canzoneri in 1933 and held it until 1935 when he entered the welterweight division and gave up his crown.

Benjamin Stoddard, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Q.—In what states is boxing prohibited? Who is now the president of the National Boxing Association and where can he be reached?

A.—I know of no states where boxing is prohibited. Although some states have not legalized the sport, they permit boxing under local option. In other states, boxing is permitted only in certain localities while the guardians of the law frown upon it in other cities in that same state. In 41 states, boxing is permitted either through state commissions or through local options. In the remainder, including the territory of Alaska, boxing is favored without commission rule.

Joe Triner, Chairman of the Illinois State Commission, is the president of the N.B.A. Reach him at his Chicago headquarters.

Raymond J. Dostie, Augusta, Maine

Q.—I would like to know the address, nationality and age of Henry Armstrong, Al Hostak, Billy Conn, Ken Overlin, Georgie Abrams, Tony Zale, Pat Comiskey, Arturo Godoy's American and Chilean address? Is Godoy still in this country? Are Paul Junior and Al McCoy highly ranked in the boxers ratings? Who would win between Steve Belloise vs. Tami Mauriello? Gus Lesnevich vs. Melio Bettina? Al Davis vs. Milt Aron? Pete Lello vs. Dave Castilloux? Petey Scalzo vs. Chalky Wright? Why doesn't Mike Jacobs sign up Red Burman for a title match with Louis? Who in your opinion is the greatest fighter of all time—not barring any particular class?

A.—Armstrong—1270 6th Ave., New York City. Negro, 28 years of age. Hostak—619½ Pike St., Seattle, Wash. Slav, 24 years old. Conn—808 Belefont St., Pittsburgh, Pa., Irish, 23 years old. Overlin—Cairo Hotel, Washington, D. C. Irish, 31 years old. Abrams—Stillman's Gym, 919 Eighth Ave., New York City. Hebrew, 23 years old. Zale—180 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill. Polish, 26 years old. Comiskey—9 Norma Terrace, Hawthorne, N. J. Irish, 21 years old. Godoy is still in this country—1585 Broadway, New York City. Both Junior and McCoy are slipping. Belloise, Lesnevich, Davis, Lello, Wright. Personal reasons probably. Harry Greb.

Don Marwick, Cochrane, Canada

Q.—What is the address of Billy Conn, Pat Comiskey, Dave Castilloux, Billy Marquart, Ken Overlin and Spider Armstrong? What do you think of Conn's chances against Joe Louis next summer? Where can I purchase a picture of Billy Conn and what price? I am 14 years old, 5 feet 1¼ inches tall and weigh 91 pounds. What will I be when I am 18?

A.—Conn, Comiskey and Overlin's addresses are listed above. Castilloux—Stillman's Gym, New York City. Marquart 180 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill. Armstrong—Stillman's Gym, New York City. Very good by next summer. The Ring Book Shop for $1.25, size 8 by 10 inches. 5 feet 6 inches tall and weight 120 pounds.

Harry Lustig, San Francisco, Cal.

Q.—Does every state where boxing is legalized, rule a fight a draw when the referee is compelled to halt the contest because of an eye injury to one of the fighters, or because one has been badly cut by a butt?

A.—No. This rule is in effect only in California. In all other states, if for any reason at all, a fighter is unable to continue, or the referee finds it necessary to stop the bout, because of a bad eye or a cut caused by a butt, he awards the fight to the opponent who is able to continue. The one suffering the damage, is the loser of the fight.

Paul Pistilli, Albany, N. Y.

Q.—Did Bushy Graham meet Lou Ambers? Did Joe Louis fight Lovell. What was Lovell's last fight? To whom did Battling Nelson lose his lightweight title?

A.—They did not fight. Lovell did not fight Louis. His last bout was a "no-contest," due to butting, at Buenos Aires, with Valentin Campolo. Nelson lost the crown in 40 rounds to Ad Wolgast.

Raymond Robin, N. Y.

Q.—Who is the manager of Eddie Cool? Is Cool still fighting? In the picture "City for Conquest," Jimmy Cagney is blinded by rosin placed on the glove of his opponent. Could such a thing happen in a real fight? What would be the penalty under our rules? What is the Walker Law?

A.—The manager of Eddie Cool was Sam Weinberg. Cool has retired. No such thing could happen in boxing today because of the strict supervision over the sport. The gloves are kept by the boxing commission until the boys are ready to put them on and then there is an inspector who watches while they are put on and a representative of the opposing fighter also is present. It would be difficult to do such a thing in a real match though it was done often in the days before Commissions took charge of boxing. The Walker Law is the law which rules New York boxing and is the pattern used by all other boxing commissions throughout the country.

Jack McGrath, Newburgh, N. Y.

Q.—What were the dates of the Tunney-Dempsey fights and the results? Why is one called the fourteen count fight?

A.—The first fight was staged in Philadelphia on September 22, 1926 and Tunney won in ten rounds. The second was staged September 23, 1927 at Chicago, Soldier's Field and Tunney again won in ten. The last fight was called the Long Count, or Fourteen Count fight because Tunney received a long count when Dempsey refused to obey the referee and go to a neutral corner. Thus Gene received a count of fourteen, the extra seconds being those which he gained because of Dempsey's stubbornness. Get a copy of my book, "Jack Dempsey, the Idol of Fistiana". You'll find a complete, detailed account of this.

Carmine Gimmaro, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Q.—Who is the greatest Italian fighter of all time?

A.—That is a matter of opinion and covers too big a field. There was Jimmy Barry, Johnny Dundee, Pete Herman, Tony Canzoneri, Lou Ambers—all great fighters. Take your choice.

Paul Oberblatt, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Q.—Where can I get in touch with Johnny Barbara, Jersey Joe Walcott and Roy Lazer?

A.—Barbara—180 W. Randolph St., Chicago. Walcott—Merchantville, N. J. Lazer—Paterson, N. J.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

AMAZING Nel Tarleton, age 34, defied the vigorous youth and tigerish determination of Sergt. Tom Smith, 21 year old challenger for his featherweight title, when they met over 15 rounds at Liverpool. Tarleton retained his crown of Empire and British featherweight champion after a thrilling and terrific battle that had the crowd shouting cheers of encouragement. At the weigh-in in the afternoon Tarleton had to go to the scales three times to make the featherweight limit of 126 pounds and the challenger was inside the weight by two pounds.

Smith gambled on his strength and stamina to unsettle the clever Liverpool veteran, for he pounded his ribs and other parts of Tarleton's body, round after round. It was amazing the way the champion stood it all. Nel's cleverness was supreme. For half the bout the challenger was well in the lead and looked all over a winner. Then Nel came forth to win the fight.

Twice during the contest did Tarleton score knockdowns, once in the first round when Nel connected with a right on the body and later in the seventh round when Smith was down momentarily.

Smith tried hard to stem the tide in the 14th round, and he certainly gave all he had, but on this day he found a rejuvenated Tarleton, fit as a fiddle, and it was this that kept him going at full speed till the end when Referee Moss DeYong, without any hesitation, walked over to Tarleton and raised his hand as the winner and still champion of the featherweight division in Great Britain.

Charlie Knock of Hanley was floored four times in his contest with Ray McIntyre, a Canadian soldier, who claims the Canadian middleweight championship, in their eight-round contest, but he recovered enough to outpoint the hard-hitting Maple Leaf fighter.

A victim of the air raids on London, well known throughout the amateur world was Bill Dees, amateur heavyweight champion of England in 1900, who was killed when a bomb exploded near him. "Bill" Dees was a favorite with the youngsters who took up boxing, as he was one of the first to help out boy boxers whatever their grade.

Jock McAvoy, British middleweight champion, with blood streaming down his face from a cut eye, finished his 10-round contest with Eddie McGuire of South Africa a beaten man. The contest took place at Nottingham before a large crowd, who cheered the South African on to victory. The bout was thrilling throughout.

Professional boxing sustained a severe loss by the unexpected death of Jack Smith of Manchester in his 64th year. Jack Smith was rightly described as a first class referee, legislator and boxing promoter in the last 30 years.

I have known him during his activities in boxing as a fearless arbiter, who acted strictly to the rules, and his decisions, given according to his profound knowledge, were rarely criticized.

"May His Dear Soul Rest in Peace."

Before a crowd of 1,500 at Pontypool, Ray Price, the local lightweight, won a points decision from Cliff Saunders, also of Pontypool, in 10 rounds. Pat Maloney (Bargoed) knocked out Bill Edwards (Argoed) in the fourth. Norman Lewis (Nantymoel) defeated Ronnie Bishop (Markham) on points in 10 rounds at Crumlin. Over six rounds, Norman Rogers (Gellinger) outpointed Billy Curry (Bargoed).

George "Ginger" Thomas (Merthyr) gained a points decision over Gordon Williams (Tonyrefail) in 10 sparkling rounds. Howard Davies (Merthyr) outpointed Pte. Terry Morgan (Blaenavon) over eight rounds, and Paddy Hamford defeated Arthur Clinton on points in a four-rounder.

Jim Brady, a native of Dundee, who is Southern Area bantamweight champion, was returned the winner over the clever colored fighter from British Guiana, Kid Tanner. Brady won on points at the end of 10 brilliant rounds before a big crowd at Dundee.

Jim Rice, Belfast's number one boxing promoter, staged a most successful boxing show at the Ulster Hall, Belfast, the funds going to the Irish entertainments fund for the troops. In the chief bout, Martin Thornton scored a six-round K.O. victory over Dom Lydon, the latter taking several counts before being placed hors de combat. Jim McCann of Belfast knocked out his local rival, Charlie Brown, in the seventh round. Tommy Armour, Irish welterweight champion, took only two rounds to knock out Dennis Cahill of Scotland. Pat Mulcahay of Dublin scored a hard-earned points victory at the expense of Joe Buxton of Watford in eight.

Jackie Paterson of Glasgow, holder of the flyweight championship of Great Britain, gained a spectacular knockout victory when he met his Scottish challenger for the title, Jimmy Stewart of Edinburgh, in an overweight match at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The bout, scheduled for 10 rounds, ended suddenly in the sixth round, for up till then Stewart had given the champion a close battle, with the title-holder just a little in front when they started the sixth session.

Paterson, in this round, tore into Stewart with a right swing, which had the latter backing away, and as he did, a terrific left from Paterson connected on Stewart's jaw and he went down for the full count.

In the other bouts of a good program that Matchmaker Fred Charlton staged, results were as follows: Tom O'Keefe of the Army defeated Herbie Hart of West Hartlepool in the sixth round when the referee intervened in the soldier's favor. Johnny Walker (Boldon Colliery) knocked out Douggie Lee of Newcastle in the second round, and Bob Thomas of Newcastle stopped Jackie Wright of Sunderland in the fifth round.

Tommy Farr of Tonypandy, undefeated British heavyweight champion, was rejected for the fourth time when he went to join the fighting services. Tommy was first invalided out of the R.A.F. and his many requests to the highest quarters to get into the Royal Navy, Army and Mine Sweepers have failed. He failed to pass the test of the medical examiners owing to short sight and defective hearing. He has been very eager to serve in some branch of the service and it is not his fault that he is not in it.

Farr, is one of England's most popular heavyweights, and he intends to seek another match with Joe Louis and also help raise funds for a squadron of Spitfires and hurricanes through his efforts of exhibitions throughout the United States. He hopes he can induce the war department to enlist him for such service.

Joe Gould, his American manager, has been trying to arrange this tour and is now awaiting the blessing of the British Government for Tonypandy Tommy Farr to proceed to the States.

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It is an old saying that "A good big 'un" will always beat "A good little 'un" and it again stood the test when Ernie Roderick of Liverpool and British welterweight champion, defeated Eric Boon of Chatteris, British lightweight champion, over 10 rounds at Liverpool.

John Best, the live-wire matchmaker of the Liverpool Stadium, overcame many obstacles before he clinched this match at two pounds over the welterweight limit of 147 pounds and at the weigh-in Roderick was forced to take off his socks before he was passed as under the agreed poundage.

Anfield Football Ground was the prescribed fistic ground, and many a big championship affair was fought on that memorial field before very big gatherings, but on this occasion, through no fault of the promoters, only a crowd of 6,000 spectators braved the "air raid" dangers to see these mighty gladiators square off after the referee had called them to the center of the ring for their last instructions.

Those that stayed away missed one of the most thrilling contests that it was the pleasure of those that travelled north, as it will go down in British boxing as one of "the famous fights."

It was soon seen that Roderick, who had a big advantage in height and 10 pounds in weight, was to be the dictator of how the fight was to be fought, for he made the shorter lightweight champion come to him in his usual rushing style, only to run on to the perfect left lead that Roderick is noted for.

An early sensation was witnessed in the first round, when the Liverpool lad drew Boon on to a left lead, and then unleashed a nifty right that connected on Boon's chin, that put him down with a crash, Boon rose without taking a count, and although obviously shaken, he managed to last out the round.

Roderick made full use of his piston-like left hand lead to the face, time and time again, and it was this fiery weapon that kept Boon at bay and landing his heavy swings.

Boon swung viciously to try and catch the clever Roderick, but to no avail, as the latter proved that he had the key weapon, in which he could frustrate the heavy attack that Boon launched.

Boon did better when he elected to box his man, but in that style also he came off second best, as Roderick was in top form that day, and whatever way Boon wanted to fight, he found a fit and cleverer fighter in front of him, and one who intercepted his every move.

In all, Boon took five counts, and he must be given credit, for although beaten in every branch of the contest, he met a far better man and never flinched his task.

Boon declared after the contest that he would like a return match with Roderick. He said that he has not had a contest in nine months, and could only get 21 days to get fit for such an important bout, owing to his duties in the fighting service.

On the same card Harry Silver of Clapton gained a victory over the local Johnny Cunningham after a very good contest that lasted the full eight rounds.

Paddy Ryan of Manchester, flyweight champion of the Northern Area, proved his worth for another chance to contest the right of Jackie Paterson for the empire and British flyweight title when he defeated Jimmy Stewart of Edinburgh in the final eliminator at Manchester.

It was one of Ryan's finest performances, his body punching was a revelation, and this method of attack soon had Stewart weakened by these tactics, although the little Scot tried to unsettle Ryan by his aggressive rally towards the end, he failed to overcome the big lead that the Manchester lad had secured, and no one could complain when Ryan was rightly declared the winner.

I met Dan Sullivan the other day and in conversation he told me that Archie Watson, who trained Sullivan's fighters and went to America with Len Harvey, was a victim of a bomb attack on London.

Wales still carries on with boxing shows although things pugilistically are dead in England and Scotland, that is as far as professional boxing is concerned, there are many inter-tournaments taking place between some of Great Britain's leading fighters that are in the fighting services of Great Britain.

George Francombe of Abertillery came in as a last minute substitute for Curly Edwards and won a good contest when he defeated Tommy Williams of Twickenham and Blaina, the latter being beaten when his seconds skied the towel in the sixth of a 12-round contest that was staged at Crumlin.

Over eight rounds, Len Warfield (Abertillery) outpointed Pat Maloney (Bargoed).

Stan Bateman (Pontypool) and Ginger Thomas (Merthyr) fought a great bout of 12 rounds at Pontypool that was called a draw.

Ephraim Thomas (Merthyr) outpointed Terry Morgan (Blaenavon) over eight rounds and Jimmy Peplow (Pontypool) stopped Paddy Hanford (Pontypool) in the fourth of an eight-round contest.

How many of my readers in the U.S.A. and Great Britain will remember Harry Mansfield of Aldgate. Harry was a strong middleweight as tough as they make them and fought around Philadelphia before 1910 with good successes. Big Harry Hansfield, as he was known to all here, passed away at the age of 52 after an attack of pneumonia. May his soul rest in peace.

A reader has asked me to give him a little resume on the British fighter that became a member of the British Parliament:—

John Gully was the fighter that rose to that height as member of Parliament and it was also said that he was Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons.

Gully's first big fight was against Hen Pearce, "the Game Chicken," in 1805 and was beaten. After Pearce had suffered a severe illness and retired, Gully was looked upon as his successor. It was a little over two years later that he was matched to meet Bog Gregson of Lancashire on October 1807 at a place called Six Mile Bottom, near Newmarket Racecourse, and Gully won in the 36th round.

A return match was arranged with a side stake of £200, which took place after a lot of obstacles that had to be overcome and in a ring pitched at Hertfordshire. Gully won again, this time in the 28th round. Gregson was too exhausted to continue.

Gully became a successful publican and became a very popular personality. In 1808 he decided to retire.

A joint benefit was arranged for Gully and Tom Cribb, which was a huge success, and both boxed exhibitions with Jem and Tom Belcher, respectively. John Gully then became a man of affairs, looked after himself, and was recognized as a model for modern boxers.

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By EDDIE BORDEN

FOR thrills, excitement and riot rampant, it took Al Davis little time to throw 17,000 fans into a frenzy with his exhibition against Fritzie Zivic at the Garden. The bout brought about the revocation of Davis' license, in addition to his being fined $2,500. Referee Billy Cavanagh disqualified Davis after two minutes and thirty-four seconds of the second session after Davis had struck Zivic low on numerous occasions.

It was a heavy penalty for Davis to suffer. Zivic was the first offender. He thumbed Al in the first round and hit on the break several times in addition to using other rough tactics. The retaliation by Davis was hardly in accord with the proper concepts of give-and-take and the exhibition was one that the fans will remember for many days.

In reviewing the entire fracas as it went, it is my opinion that Referee Cavanagh was the principal offender. He should have taken the first round away from Zivic for his rough tactics. Instead of doing this, the referee provoked Davis by Cavanagh's failure to penalize Zivic. Had the first round been taken away from the champ, the chances are that the fight would have progressed in an orderly manner and the fans would have witnessed a sensational scrap.

I am a firm believer in fair play and do not by any stretch of imagination approve Davis' conduct. But the circumstances that brought about the turmoil were not entirely his fault. Despite the fact that the background of Davis is hardly that of a model boy scout, the fact remains that Davis, as a fighter in the ring, has always fought fairly and squarely. He was never guilty of such misbehavior as in the Zivic scrap and that should have been considered in the penalty. I think that six months' suspension is long enough for Davis. But what about Referee Billy Cavanagh, who was partly responsible for the mix-up, in my opinion?

Ernie Vigh stopped Al Bernard in the sixth round of the eight-round semi-final. Terry Young whipped "Texas" Lee Harper in a hard-fought six-rounder, while Carmen Notch scored over Harry Ginsberg in another sixer. Lee Mazzilli whipped Sammy Hydler, while Bernie Manhoff trounced Norman Rahn in four-rounders on the program.

Lew Jenkins fought like a real champion when he disposed of Pete Lello in the second round of their lightweight title match. It was the first fight that Jenkins really showed the form of a title-holder. His terrific hitting powers established him as one of the hardest hitters of this era. He dropped Lello four times before Referee Arthur Donovan humanely called a halt to save Pete from needless punishment. Tony Marteliano whipped George Martin in the eight-round semi-final, while Leo Rodak upset the dope when he trounced Julie Kogon in their eight-round battle. Sammy Venti drew with Sonny Simon, while Frankie Albano whipped Frank Tarantelli in the opening four.

Tami Mauriello still stands out as one of the brightest of local prospects. He took Vic Dellicurti over the eight-round route at the New York Coliseum and convinced the skeptics that he possesses potential championship material by the convincing manner in which he handled the rugged and experienced Harlemite. Three times did Dellicurti hit the canvas, in the third, fourth and fifth rounds. It was Tami's most impressive triumph to date.

Marcus Pitts, tough Washington featherweight, looked good in whipping Chico Hernandez in the six-round semi-final—Monty Pignatore turned the tables on Bobby Ruffin in their eight-round return bout at the Ridgewood Grove Sporting Club. Bobby won the first time out, but on this occasion Monty proved a little too tough and strong.

Everette Rightmire was returned the winner over Joey Fontana at the Broadway Arena of Brooklyn in a hotly contested ten-round fray. It was nip and tuck during the first eight rounds and outside of a knockdown scored by Rightmire in the fifth session, the fight was about even up. Rightmire turned on some steam in the ninth and tenth and his margin in the last two rounds enabled him to be returned the winner. Fontana weighed 134 and Rightmire, 131.

Pete Muscanera and Lou Schwartz fought eight rounds to a draw in the semi-final—Antonio Fernandez, Chilean welterweight champion, did not experience much trouble in whipping Gene Molnar at the White Plains Community Center. Fernandez will prove tough competition for any of our welterweights.

Aldo Spoldi, hard-hitting Italian lightweight, turned in an overwhelmingly surprise knockout over Irving Eldridge in the first round of their scheduled eight-rounder at the St. Nicholas Palace. Spoldi scored a knockdown for a count of eight and upon arising, Irving was bombarded with an assortment of blows and was counted out on the next knockdown. The program consisted of five eight-rounders featuring the best of the local lightweight crop and a few out-of-towners for good measure.

Joey Fontana turned in another upset when he trounced Salvatore Bartolo. Bartolo was favored in this match, but Fontana proved too rough and aggressive for the Bostonian. Everette Rightmire scored over Charley Varre; Primo Flores defeated Red Moffett, and George Zengaras triumphed over Frankie Martin, also known on the Coast as Chief Crazy Horse.

Al Delaney finally came through with a major victory when he scored a ten-round victory over Gus Lesnevich, highly-touted Jersey light-heavyweight, at the Ridgewood Grove Sporting Club. It was a fight in which the outcome was in doubt until the last round. Delaney held a big lead until the ninth round but suddenly in the last round Gus cut loose with a rally in which he floored the Canadian and it appeared as if the tide had turned. Al managed to recover sufficiently to finish the round and was given the verdict at the end. Delaney weighed 189 pounds against 183 for Gus. Marty Marino scored over Larry Kellum in the six-round semi.

Al Lang has reopened the Main Street Arena in Los Angeles. He intends staging weekly shows every Tuesday. He will have as his publicity purveyor the genial Gene Vinassa, which invariably makes a sterling combination—Don Boggess has replaced Jack Menges as the matchmaker for the American Legion Arena at West Palm Beach, Florida. They expect a good season.

Tami Mauriello looms more and more as the coming star of the year. This Harlem lad has justified the faith that his followers have in his ability. In his seven-round knockout over Erich Seelig, he looked mighty impressive. His coming clash with Billy Soose in the Garden will be a very deciding factor in his future status—Billy Stevens has a very likely looking heavyweight prospect in Bill Weinberg of Boston—Jimmy Murray intends to liven Honolulu for pugilistic activities and his program will include the invasion of likely looking American boxers of the first class water.

John Toomey, veteran promoter from Providence, is showing the younger generation how to go about to develop drawing cards. He took an interest in Larry Bolvin, local youngster from Providence, and in two promotions he drew close to $10,000. Larry took on Al Mancini, a local rival, and Bolvin came through the winner in a corking contest. That show grossed $5,100. Larry's next opponent was Everette Rightmire, flashy Sioux City featherweight, and they staged ten of the wildest rounds ever seen in a Providence ring, with Bolvin coming through on the strength of two knockdowns scored in the last round. Rightmire won five rounds by a clear margin, but the knockdowns in the closing session were the deciding factor in Bolvin's favor. This show grossed $4,500 and the contemplated return match which Promoter Toomey is planning is expected to almost double that figure. There is nothing wrong with boxing that good fights can't cure. The interest in Bolvin has revived Providence as one of the best boxing cities in the East and Toomey expects to preserve that heat.

Charley Varre turned in a mild upset victory over Bernie Friedkin at the Royal Windsor Palace in the feature eight-rounder. Varre's sharp and cleaner hitting enabled him to outpoint Bernie and at the finish of the fray he had a comfortable lead in his favor. In the other feature attraction, Chief Crazy Horse, also known as Frankie Martin, whipped Wishy Jones after a hard eight-round scrap—Harry Hurst, promising Canadian lightweight, was held to a draw by Victor Troise in their eight-rounder at the Ridgewood Grove Sporting Club. Danny Bartfield disposed of Lloyd Laskey in the second round of the eight-round event.

Billy Conn failed to make much gain in his quest for heavyweight recognition when he whipped Lee Savold decisively at Madison Square Garden. The contest was scheduled for twelve rounds. The first nine rounds proved rather boresome but through a spirited rally by Savold in the tenth, Billy stepped on the gas and matched his heavier opponent punch for punch. The fight was starting to become exciting when the final bell sounded. Billy was bleeding from nose, mouth and eye at the finish and this seemed to lend the proper spice to the occasion, rather than detract from the excitement. Conn weighed 174¼ against 186¾ for Savold.

The wildest scrap of the night was between Cal Cagni and Norman Rubio. They slugged away without respite for six rounds with Cal's last round rally giving him the edge.

The neatest performance of the evening was contributed by Coley Welch, a clean-cut but determined piece of fighting machinery. He cut Maxie Long to his size before long and knocked him out in the third round. His body punching technique was something to marvel at and we should see plenty more of Coley in the future. Al Delaney outscored Willie Pavlovich, while Vincent Fratello whipped Jimmy Casa in other sixes. Johnny Gregan whipped Ray Bonti in the four-round opener. The gross receipts amounted to $31,170.

Georgie Abrams, Washington middleweight entry, battered his way to an eight-round victory over Augie Arellano at the New York Coliseum. Abrams proved too strong and persistent in his attack. He won with little difficulty—Irving Eldridge staged a cyclonic rally in the last four rounds to defeat Lenny Mancini at the Broadway Arena of Brooklyn in a hair-raising eight-round affair. During the first four rounds, Lenny forced the fight and set the pace but unfortunately, his eye closed at that point and Eldridge came on to nose him out. Tony Ferrara and Pete De Ruzza went to eight rounds at the White Plains Community Center with little to choose between them and the contest was called a draw.

Yussel Goldstein, rugged welterweight from Brownsville, turned in his most important triumph to date. He scored a technical knockout over Billy Beauhuld in the fourth round of their eight-rounder at the Broadway Arena of Brooklyn. Goldstein has been advancing in leaps and bounds and makes a welcome addition to the campaigning rivals around New York in the welterweight class. Curley Nichols whipped Lou Barbetta in the semi-final of eight.

Ernie Vigh had a narrow escape from defeat at the hands of Jay Macedon at the New York Coliseum. Only a furious eighth-round onslaught, in which he dropped his opponent and won handily, did he succeed in gaining the award. Macedon gave a very game exhibition in defeat—Leo Rodak, Chicago lightweight, proved too clever for Maxie Shapiro at the Broadway Arena of Brooklyn in their eight-rounder. The fight was evenly contested for six rounds but Leo forged ahead in the last two sessions sufficiently to win the award.

Ed Bang, in staging his annual Cleveland *News* Christmas Fund show, produced the hottest action that the fans saw in years. Not a champion was on the card, but all the gladiators produced a world of action. The biggest hero of the night was a defeated gladiator—Tony Musto. He was pitted against Arturo Godoy, the Chilean heavyweight contender. Musto scored a knockdown in the first round but Godoy more than evened matters by flooring his opponent twice in the fifth and once in the seventh. That did not discourage the plucky Musto, who fought back with determined vigor until the final round was over. Musto's ovation was the largest of the evening.

Second to Musto was Anton Christoforidis' performance against Jimmy Bivins. Dropped in the second and thoroughly outclassed for the first three rounds, the Greek made a determined bid for victory in the last round and with the knockdown that he scored over Bivins in the last round, it just decided victory in his favor. Everette Rightmire's brilliant boxing skill against the hard-hitting Mike Raffa was the third feature of the night.

Pat Comiskey revealed hitting power against Don Siegel by putting the Detroiter away in the first round, after flooring him twice. Mike Raffa shone in victory over his local rival, George Toy, by winning decisively in their eight-rounder. Mike Kaplan came through with a ten-round victory over Saverio Turiello after a rough scrap. The gate receipts were $30,000 and a profit of $9,000 was turned over to the Cleveland *News* Toy Fund. But the fans were well repaid for the action that they witnessed.

Antonio Fernandez scored his second victory in six days by whipping Bill McDowell at the St. Nicholas Palace in the headlining eight-rounder. It was a gruelling scrap with Fernandez losing the fifth for low hitting. Both boys were guilty of low hitting in the sixth, but the South American made a spirited rally in the seventh and eighth which just pulled him through the winner. Fernandez weighed 152¾ and McDowell, 153½.

In the semi-final eight-rounder, Lulu Constantino repeated his triumph over Dom Fiantini after a hurricane battle. Monty Pignatore scored over Mexican Joey Silva in the feature eight-rounder at the Ridgewood Grove Sporting Club. Bernie Manhoff drew with Patsy Giovanelli in the six-round semi-final.

Maxie Berger, Canada's welterweight contender, added the scalp of Johnny Bellus, New Haven lightweight, to his string of victims at the New York Coliseum. Bellus started off at a fast clip but Berger slowed him down with solid drives to head and body and there was little doubt as to the outcome in the closing rounds. Berger weighed 143¾ and Bellus 140½. Charley Roberts whipped Mel Williams in the six-round semi-final—At the Broadway Arena of Brooklyn, Lenny Mancini turned the tables on Irving Eldridge in the feature eight-rounder. Eldridge dropped his opponent in the second round but Mancini got stronger as the fight progressed and won mainly through superior strength and ruggedness. Pete De Ruzza captured the award over Tony Ferrara in the feature ten-round event at the White Plains Community Center.

Upsets are the breath of boxing, and they occurred quite frequently during the month. The biggest was that of Baby Breese in his knockout of Jackie Wilson, highly-touted Californian, in seven rounds. The Los Angeles papers gave Jackie the first six rounds by a wide margin, but he ran into a heavy right just before the sixth round ended. Wilson was still weak when the seventh round came up and his seconds refused to allow him to come out for the next round—George Latka losing to Baby Arizmendi was unexpected, Dave Castilloux being beaten by Tommy Speigal was a calamity, but in Miami, Jack Larrimore, highly-touted Miami welterweight, was kayoed by Yucatan Kid, a lightweight, in the third.

Tami Mauriello, bright jewel of Harlem, added another impressive victory to his growing list when he disposed of Erich Seelig in the seventh round at the New York Coliseum. A nine-second knockdown in the seventh round that had Seelig in dazed condition compelled the referee to halt the scrap. Seelig reeled around the ring in groggy condition when Referee Joe Vaccarella decided to end matters. Mauriello scaled 160 and Seelig, 163¾.

Bill Weinberg, young Boston heavyweight, finished Julio Ortenzio, hard-hitting Harlemite, in the fifth round of the scheduled six-round feature event at the White Plains Community Center. Weinberg looks like future headline material but still needs proper seasoning—El Buckley and Tommy Conti have a bright looking featherweight in Marcus Pitts, who is making his headquarters around Washington. Pitts recently whipped Nat Litfin in impressive fashion and the scrappy Puerto Rican expects to capitalize on that triumph.

Ken Overlin repeated his victory over Steve Belloise in another fifteen-round affair at Madison Square Garden, but on this occasion in a much more convincing manner. Before 16,350 paid spectators, who contributed $42,338, Overlin handed his adversary a comprehensive boxing lesson which left no doubt as to his superiority.

What made the victory much more gratifying was the fact that Ken, despite the advice of a physician who advised him to call off the fight because of a bad cold three days before the test, vindicated his backers who had originally made him 7 to 5 favorite in the betting when the match was first made. By ringside time it was known all over the Garden that Overlin was suffering with a heavy cold and the price switched 7 to 5 with Belloise the favorite.

Overlin confounded his doubters by putting forth a courageous and skillful exhibition. The fight was not much to get excited about but those who were aware of Overlins' plight, admired the pluck and the devil-may-care manner in which he disported himself.

Belloise's showing was very disappointing. He failed to show the fire and hard-hitting that characterized his first attempt at the cagy Gob. He missed chance after chance and he did not seem anxious to exert himself and fumbled the chance of a lifetime. Belloise weighed 154 against 159 for Overlin.

The preliminaries were hot and exciting. In the liveliest scrap of the night, Lulu Constantino outscored Joey Iannotti in a thrilling setto. Al Smith, Pacific Coast welter, made an impressive showing in his first start by stopping Eddie Dunne in the third round, after dropping him for a nine-count in the first. Sonny Simon had the better of Sammy Venti in a corking mixup, while Eddie O'Leary, a newcomer from Scranton, outscored Curley Nichols. Ray Robinson, former amateur, again impressed by scoring a technical knockout over Oliver White in the third session of the four-round opener.

CLEVELAND CHATTER
By SPARKY RUDOLPH

THE Cleveland *News* Christmas fund boxing show, the 15th arranged by Ed Bang, again was a sellout. The bouts thrilled the 13,000 fans.

Jimmy Bivins and Anton Christoforidis boxed the final bout of the evening and being the best bout on the card, that was the place for it. Arturo Godoy and Tony Musto of Chicago also put on a thriller, and so did Mike Gamiere and Georgie Toy.

In the Bivins-Christo bout it looked as though the fight would be over in the second round, when Jimmy Bivins let go with a left hook, that floored the Greek champion for a nine count. Then Bivins went in for the kill, but when you take a kid that has 20 pro bouts trying to stop a fellow like Christo with well over the 200 mark, it's not so easy. Anton came back in the late rounds to win the award of one of the judges and referee, while the other judge voted a draw. Two of the newspaper men counted the fight with five rounds for Bivins, three for Christo and two even. Your scribe scored the same. Now it makes it one apiece, with Bivins winning eight out of ten rounds 20 days before from Christo at the Public Hall show promoted by Bob Brickman and Larry Atkins.

Arturo Godoy won the duke over Tony Musto of Chicago. It was one of those Pier 6 brawls, with Musto holding his own. In fact he had Godoy on the floor and Godoy had him also on the canvas. But it was a real scrap all the way and every one was happy. Both of them can come back to Cleveland any time.

One of the upsets of the night was when Mike Gamiere defeated Georgie Toy, seven to one, in their eight-rounder. It was one of those things where old man experience had the upper hand.

Pat Comiskey stopped into Cleveland long enough to put the snore on Don Seigel of Detroit in one heat. Don came here with a good record, but Pat was too tough because it was all over in no time. The fans did not get a real look at Bill Daley's heavyweight hope, but he must be a good fighter, as he just stopped Cleveland Max Minnich at Memphis, Tenn., a week before in three rounds.

Eddie Mead of Cleveland, New York, etc., brought in a tough hombre in Saverio Turiello who gave Mike Kaplan, a good looking youngster, a good fight in another ten-rounder, with Kaplan winning the nod by a fair margin. Another good looking kid on the show was Everette Rightmire from the Mead stable. He defeated a promising kid by the name of Mike Raffa who is managed by Ray Foutts, former manager of Teddy Yarosz.

A real good looking kid out of Chicago by the name of Nick Castiglione pounded out a six-round win over Maurice Arnault, in a slam-bang affair.

After having Bobby Root almost out, Max Schindler of Lorain, Ohio, was stopped in the second round by Root. Two years ago these two met as amateurs in the finals of the Golden Gloves, with Schindler knocking out Root.

Joey Pirrone fouled Frank Mucha too many times, and for that reason lost to Frank Mucha in a four-rounder. Big Henry Schultz put the kayo on Frank Stienhouser of Sandusky in the fourth round, in their beef trust brawl.

HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN
By MICKEY McINTIRE

THE month of December saw the first drastic step taken toward the revival of boxing in Detroit. Mike Jacobs stepped in with a dandy show in the Olympia, and the fans responded to such an extent that it appears boxing is really on the way back here.

Jacobs had two local kids in his ten-round headliner, a pair of boys who had been doing most of their work elsewhere, but at the conclusion of ten bristling rounds, which saw Young Kid McCoy take a clean-cut decision over Al Nettlow, Detroit fans realized what they had been missing.

McCoy found everyone but his own clique against him in this fight, but he turned in the most sparkling performance of his career. His speedy, savage attack reflected his mood, and he would not be denied. He outboxed and outpunched Nettlow, whose counter punching style failed to bother the Dearborn youngster.

As this goes to press McCoy is being sued by his manager, Johnny McIntyre. McIntyre turned McCoy pro in 1938, after the Kid had participated in something like 15 amateur fights. McIntyre brought McCoy along slowly and when he showed promise of developing into a headliner, piloted him to wins over Billy Marquart, Irish Eddie Dunne, Victor Troise, Johnny Lifford, Tommy Spiegal, and draws with Willie Joyce and Pete Lello among others. He lost only two fights with McIntyre behind him, one to Lee Shepherd in 1938, and an unpopular decision to Tommy Pallatin in Chicago. In fights when McIntyre was not with him, he lost to Danny Williams, Tony Ferrara, Pete DeRuzza, and Jack Larrimore.

So it's the same old story of a fighter discarding his manager after being brought to the top. Joe Gould and his New York aides will reap the benefits of McIntyre's three years of hard work with McCoy. But it's a good bet that the courts will have something to say about who his manager is, and those close to the boxing game are pulling for the straight shooting McIntyre to cop the nod in his legal battle.

Mike Jacobs surprised the railbirds when he installed Walter Sharp as matchmaker for his Detroit shows, but he couldn't have picked a better man. Sharp, who has been a hard working small club matchmaker, has a reputation for running nothing but action fights. His shows at Hazel Park, Dearborn, Fairview Gardens, and other small clubs have established him as one who really knows how to pair fighters to produce plenty of action.

Abe Simon, James J. Johnston's giant heavyweight, made his Detroit debut in the other ten-rounder of Jacobs' show, and his 254 pounds carried him to a hard earned win over Roscoe Toles. Simon looked pretty good. He knows how to use his weight to advantage, and possesses a good left hand as well as the ability to "take a punch."

Holman Williams, colored journeyman welterweight, returned to Detroit in a scheduled eight-rounder, and had an easy time with Mansfield Driskell, former state champion. He finally stopped Driskell in the sixth after outmaneuvering him, and doing almost as he pleased.

Sammy Secreet, former amateur star from Pittsburgh, made a good hit, though losing the dicision in his six-rounder with Pat Carroll, the "Pride of Corktown." This was a blistering duel with first one, then the other having the edge. Secreet landed plenty of solid body punches, but Carroll's ceaseless attack influenced the judges and referee.

Harvey Dubbs, classy youngster from Windsor, showed a fine left hook in stopping Eddie Scott in the third round. Johnny Ryan took a four-round decision over Jimmy McCormack in the curtain raiser.

Bobby McIntire, traveling man of local prize fighters, makes it his business to "get around," as they say on the other side of the tracks. Bobby turned up in Butte, Montana, where he engaged the veteran from Ogden, Utah, Jackie Burke, in a blistering ten-round headliner. Burke, who has boxed Garcia, Lee, Ross, Zivic, Aron, and Barbara among others, found McIntire's sharp punching style far from his liking. McIntire came fast in the last four rounds to make a big hit with the Butte fans, and returned to Detroit with a good word for those connected with boxing in the Western town. According to Bobby, the best fighters out there are Ray Cote, a welterweight, and Chet Robertson, a light-heavy. Mel Epstein is the matchmaker there and is reported to be a fine fellow, and a square shooter. "Bo" Gormalyz and Rube Stewart took care of Bobby, and the latter sang the praises of "Bo" and Rube.

Joe Sutka, Wyandotte middleweight, turned in a six-round knockout in Billings, Mont., stopping Johnny Marquez, local Mexican flash. Sutka is a rough, tough fellow who combines hard punching with plenty of ring "savvy," and is one of the best middleweights in the Midwest.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By TOM EPHREM

IT was a greatly improved Jimmy Kidd Hatcher who, along with Justo Jiminez, Mexican lightie by way of Miami Beach, inaugurated the winter's fistic festivities down West Palm Beach way for "Dandy Don" Boggess, the new boxing promoter. Hatcher, outweighed by five pounds, won the unanimous decision over his swarthy foe. Jimmy surprised everyone, not only by winning but in scoring two knockdowns, in the third and tenth cantos. This win for the Kidd raises his fistic stock as Jiminez recently took a triumph over Bobby Britton. Hatcher, mark my words, is going to raise a big rumpus with the world's best in his class very soon.

On the same card, Jimmy Lowery, fast coming middleweight, scored another win, a T.K.O., in the first heat over Patsy Miller. THE RING Magazine honored Lowery with the Best Prospect call in the January issue.

The conscription, in our opinion, is going to do the boxing game a world of good. Not only will new talent be discovered and developed, but it will shed the obscurity of the many fighters with ability who had little, if any chance, to display their wares.

A double-decker, both bouts running top form, greeted Bobby Burke's promotional comeback in Miami, the scene at the local ball park. Don Eddy, the Jimmy Finley Injun from Buffalo, who has been toppling them all over in Florida, defeated Mike Martinez, whose main punch is a hard right, but whose slipping, blocking, counter-punching exhibition had the fans overlooking his very frail frame. The main fight was between Billy Colbert and Larry Anzalone. This was really a sweet sockeroo from first to last bell. Words here cannot explain the great fight they put on. Anzalone, who like Martinez is under Bill Jordan, weighed 153; Colbert 152. In the other bout, Eddy weighed 142 and Martinez 140. Jimmy Lowery again came through with another one round T.K.O. win and over Johnny La Marr.

Tommy Gomez, a young heavyweight from Tampa with ability, copped a close, hard-fought affair from the more experienced Young Allen of Macon. The verdict, although unanimously in favor of the Tampa lad, was unpopular with the huge turnout. Allen tickled the fans by putting Tommy on deck in the second but Gomez made up for that in the latter part of the fight by tearing in for a kill, and in doing so, piled points galore right there to warrant the favor of the two judges and Referee Raymond. Late in the opening canto, Tommy dumped Allen for a nine count and in the next round the end came.

The Tampa newspapers as well as the Cigar City fight fans believe the time has come to find out the best man between Tommy Gomez and Marty Clark. No doubt to their being the best heavyweights in the state of Florida, as well as among the five best heavies in the South. But the important subject is who is the best, Gomez or Clark? I believe I have the best solution to this matter. Promoter Frank La Marque cannot have a better bargain at any price than to advertise the meeting of this pair as for the heavyweight championship of Florida and with THE RING Editor-Publisher, Nat Fleischer, acting in capacity of referee and presenting to the winner, THE RING Belt, emblematic to State's Champion. If this can be made, Promoter La Marque will be forced to secure Philip Field as the scene for the meet. The Benjamin Field Arena, with a seating capacity of 4500, will not hold enough fight faithfuls.

Yucatan Kid and Pete Galiano were doing swell before the Miami Beach onlookers. The customers were witnessing one of the best scraps, with both fighters throwing and pitching consistently on up to the fatal third. That is when Yukie landed his right mitt against Petey's jaw which resulted in a fracture for the Marylander. He gamely continued until the fourth canto, when the pain became too great and he was forced to give up. Yukie tipped 137 and Pete 136. The semi featured the tall Frankie Thomas, who is becoming a hit with Miamians in a very rapid way, who stopped Alex Cupiano in the seventh round of a scheduled eighter.

At Birmingham, resuming fistic activities in the Alabam' city, Jerome Conforto, sweet New Orleans welter, had a scare from the fists of Tommy Campbell. He survived a first round down and got up to win a kayo in the fifth with a hot right hander flush to Tommy's jaw.

A promising youngster was shown in Birmingham's Ben Montabana, one who may scale better the Hall of Maul, than local rival, Sammy Magro. Benny quickly finished up Pug Smith in the first canto.

Okay, folks, THE RING sectional and state ratings by yours truly are ready and welcome for criticism from you-all Southerners, so come right ahead. Be sure to enclose stamped envelope for return reply. Address, Tom Ephrem at 605 W. Forsyth St., Jacksonville, Florida.

This writer is booking the most sensational bantamweight prospect in the game today. He is Freddie Pope, a blond-headed buzz-saw from Ohio. Li'l Freddie's record should speak more than well for him. In 29 pro starts the youngster has not been beaten once. His manager is the vet, Ray Bartlett, and a Pope versus Small Montana is almost ready. We want to bring him South for Tommy Kiene in the latter's home town, Savannah.

Savannah enjoyed the best scrap witnessed in her midst, one that has thoroughly stamped her as a future fight town with promise when Buster White and Dick Leonard got together and brought the likeable Aurel Toma against Pablo Dano in a bantam brawl. And what a brawl! No let-ups for the entire ten rounds, which was won by Toma, his second in as many appearances. This Toma is a great favorite here. Buster White, along with Leonard, who is White's matchmaker, has Emanuel

Sal Bartolo of Boston, who receives a high rating for the year among featherweights.

Peters and Isidore Moscovitz, well known in the city's sporting activities, as an advisory board. With that kind of cooperation they cannot miss. Best to you all, boys.

Carl Guggino, a Tampa lightie who went to Hartford like Jimmy Leto, to make good in the game of swat, made a Florida appearance and by the edge of a blade, eked out a win over Leo Rodak, former feather king and now a lightweight contender. It was a peach of a scrap and moved at a merry clip.

Frankie Thomas, the Florida Stringbean, again won the semi. He kayoed Joe Parsons in the second. Joe amazed the crowd by having the very tall lad down in the first but the situation differed after that.

Emil Cody was not kayoed in his bout with Pal Silvers as we stated but was technically stopped by Pal. . . . Tommy Gomez actually lost once in his brief pro career and that to Buddy Rose, but Tommy came back and finished him in a hurry. . . . Tom Sharkey works for the Jacksonville Terminal and fights.

Everett Clay, Miami *Herald* sports editor, believes the city's coming welter, Jack Larrimore, is going to be the champ within 18 months. . . . Jimmy Leto, the Tampa boxer and member of the Leather-Lamming Letos, is expected home for a benefit bout and probably against Joe Legon, says Woody Thompson, sports writer of the *Daily Times* and who is trying to cook up the fight. Leto's last bout saw him kayoing Louis Kid Cocoa in round three for a glorious triumph and his second over Louis. . . . Al Berkowitz, famous Jacksonville strong man, owns and operates the Seminole Gym in downtown Jax and wants his friends throughout the country to drop in and see him whenever stopping in this city. . . . Don't be surprised if Johnny Paychek boxes in Miami.

Once again, Jimmy Kidd Hatcher came through with flying colors. He beat Mike Martinez, taller, heavier, a seasoned fighter and one with a good record in a 10-rounder at West Palm Beach for Don Boggess. For Jimmy, it was a swell victory as Martinez met such as Chalky Wright, conceded by all as the world's best featherweight, and George Latka, to mention several. In Hatcher's case, it is typical to that of Chalky Wright. Scarcity of featherweights finds the Kidd combating heavier opponents, spotting experience as well, but he comes through. This Hatcher lad is the South's best featherweight if you withdraw Jimmy Perrin. His wins over Texas Lee Harper, Tommy Ciarlo, Justo Jiminez, Pete De Grasse and Snooks Lacey, speaks well for the past several months.

On the Hatcher-Martinez card, Buddy Odell of Amsterdam, N. Y., did a good job in his Florida debut by trouncing Buddy Rose in the eight-round semi. Odell may be heard about. He weighs 157 and is a nicely physiqued lad.

Marty Clark, Tampa heavyweight with promise, didn't display any of that when he kayoed Julio Ortensio of New York in six chapters. The two who provided the most action and made the fans forget the main event, was the semi between Frankie Thomas, a very tall tosser with a good right mitt, and Domingo Torres. How they blasted away. It was a honey all the way, wild, woolly and a whopper.

Jack Baggett, the Chattanooga light-heavy who rates next to Jimmy Webb in Southern fight circle ratings, received a great hand for his five-round kayo over Georgie Vassel in Aiken. The way this fellow hits and the effect—nuff sed.

By the way, Dan Pittman, Atlanta sportsman, dropped in on us and stated Stiffie has been kept busy since putting that manager's ad in THE RING and the results have proven that today, Jack Baggett is the busiest fighter in the South. Well managers, need you all be told?

Fighters wishing to show in Florida and need a good man for reliability will do well in contacting Bill Gore at 211 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, Florida, and do not forget to enclose record, picture, etc.

"Great" is the word for Jack "Doc" Kearns. The ex-Dempsey manager put on the South's spectacle in Memphis and before an estimated crowd of 6500. Yessir, it was Jack, the "Gate Maker" who offered a fine array of budding heavyweights. In the feature, Bob Sikes, Arkansas pride, copped the Southern crown in defeating the Tiger from Tennessee, Neville Beech. It was Bob all the way with Neville offering courage and gameness in his stand. Sikes received a belt for his victory. Pat Comiskey, New Jersey heavyweight hope, flattened Max Minnich in the third of a tenner, the bout being halted when Max hit the deck five times. Jack Marshall, Texas swinger, stopped Spike Franks, also in three. Referee for the night was none other than the "old maestro," Bennah Leonard. Sikes, in decisioning Beech, will face Pat Comiskey in Memphis. This will be a returner and should draw plenty but what a mistake on Issy Kline's part.

Tommy the Terrible. That's Tommy Gomez, the Tampa Terror. He did the unexpected and kayoed Hardrock Harden in seven rounds without trouble for his work. It was Tommy all the way and Hardrock was a soft one when Gomez got through. . . . Ulysses Valle, Tampa lightweight, and C. C. Hart of West Palm Beach, are doing very well. . . . Clarence King, a Palm Beach peachy lightie won his bout in New Orleans over Dud La Jean who is going strong there. King is traveling with the Ralph Gold banner, as is Ginger Foran and Manuel Villa. Villa lost to Jerome Conforto and Foran lost to Jimmy Perrin, while on their way north from Mexico.

In Mexico, Clarence King won over Joe Conde and Saul Torres and dropped decisions to Rodolfo Ramirez and Carlos Malacara, the latter two kayoing Lew Jenkins when the lightweight champ was campaigning south of the border several years go.

At Cap Peeples Beach Arena, Yucatan Kid won a knife edge nod over Carl Guggino. In the scrap between Jimmy Lowery and Russ Golden the latter surprised with a T.K.O. win over Jimmy, an upset. It is Jummy's first loss. Guggino took out his loss on Yucatan's stablemate, Justo Jiminez with a very close win, evening things up with the Guggino and Peeples' Clan of Clout. . . . Billy Colbert came from behind to cop over Al Gilbert in a good scrap of 10 heats. Frankie Thomas decisioned Jack Patton. . . . George Ades, Greece's ambassador to fistiana, is thinking about Jacksonville's Joey Dunne.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY E. WINKLER

BABY ARIZMENDI is back in the hearts of his countrymen again. The easy manner in which the Baby dusted off Richard (Young) Polite at the Hollywood Stadium, has regained Arizmendi his large Mexican following. The Baby is not regarded as a hard puncher, but he planted some heavy hooks upon Polite's jaw. Polite started fast and landed a number of hard blows in the opening round, but these punches only served to anger the little Mexican ironman. They were mixing it furiously in the second when Arizmendi stunned Polite with a left hook and followed through with another left and right to floor the New Orleans boy. The colored boxer showed life at count of eight, but couldn't get his body off the canvas. Arizmendi weighed 137½, Polite 139.

Jimmy Casino, Los Angeles middleweight, handed Walter Franklin a lacing in the six-round semi. It was a dandy scrap between two right-hand punchers, but Franklin's right was slow and wild, while Casino's right was fast and accurate.

Bob Crittenden, 135, Oklahoma, easily defeated Marty Gomez, 134, in the best prelim of the night.

Baron Von Stumme's first offering at the San Diego Coliseum featured Richie Lemos, 133, Los Angeles Mexican, and Jesse Jas. Jackson, 135, Riverside Negro. Lemos stiffened Jackson in the second round after twice dropping the colored boxer for nine-counts.

Sammy Scully, 130, Chicago, and Cleo Shan, 129, El Centro, went six rounds to a draw in the semi.

Larry Cisneros, Colorado lightweight, experienced little difficulty in polishing off Dub Bowen of Long Beach at the Wilmington Bowl. Although Cisneros failed to floor Bowen, the bout was so one-sided that it was stopped in the third round.

The biggest upset in California boxing this year (and we've had many) was Baby Breese's K.O. win over Jackie Wilson. Breese's surprise victory, which was scored at the Hollywood Stadium, caused as much excitement as is possible to inject in a minute's time. It was in the closing seconds of the sixth round that Breese uncorked a murderous overhand right that caught the colored boxer on the button. Wilson staggered, then stiffened and fell forward on his face, as though he had been shot through the heart. He was out cold. It was then that pandemonium broke loose. Before Referee Abe Roth could direct Breese to a neutral corner, the gong ended the round. Breese must have thought that the bout had been stopped, for he danced around the ring in glee, while Wilson's seconds dragged Jackie to his corner.

In trying to revive Wilson during the rest period, his seconds stood him up on his feet before the seventh round bell, but Jackie was still out, so his handlers didn't leave the ring at the sound of the ten-second buzzer. The referee, apparently thinking that Wilson was to come out for the seventh, was endeavoring to get the handlers out of the ring when the gong rang and Breese came out with a rush. The Baby tried hard to get at Wilson and there was considerable pushing and pulling around among Breese, the referee and the fighters' handlers before everyone was convinced that the colored boxer's seconds had conceded defeat. The entire crowd remained standing for fully ten minutes after the bout ended, hardly believing what they had just witnessed.

Wilson had won every round. The first three rounds were rather slow, with Jackie a bit ahead in all three. Breese weighed 138½, Wilson 135½.

In the semi, Chief Evening Thunder, 140, scored a one-sided victory over Soldier Ed Stanley, 135, in a six-round slugfest.

Red Nibert, 177, Louisiana, upset the dope by scoring a fifth round T.K.O. over Bobby Bonger, 179, Los Angeles, in a Bay District "natural" at the Ocean Park Arena. Nibert closed Bonger's left eye early in the fight and although Bobby was not seriously hurt, the referee considered the injury too much of a handicap when Bonger was being punched around in the fifth. The fight was a furious affair up to the very second it was stopped, in spite of the fact that Bonger had fought four rounds with left eye closed.

Joe Smithers, 135, Oklahoma City, decisioned Savas Robleto, 138, San Bernardino.

Verne Earling, Oregon light-heavy, whipped Billy Metcalf, "Rochester's," colored battler, in seven rounds at the Wilmington Bowl. Earling had Metcalf on the floor in both second and sixth rounds.

Big Boy Brackey, Buffalo heavyweight, knocked out Jim Lane of Long Beach in the first round of a preliminary.

Young Kid McCoy is the "real McCoy." That is the opinion of the California boxing fans who saw him hand Jack Larrimore a lacing in their Hollywood Stadium clash. But McCoy may not have enjoyed his visit out here as much as we enjoyed his excellent boxing, for the Michigan boy lost a questionable decision. Although Larrimore didn't take more than two of the ten rounds and was outclassed in at least six of the sessions, Referee Charlie Randolph gave the Florida scrapper the duke. McCoy had too much "on the ball" for Larrimore. McCoy tipped the beam at 142, Larrimore came in at 145.

Bob Castro, 140, Los Angeles, stopped Gene (Spider) Mock of Burbank, in the third.

Wesley Sellers, classy lightweight of Los Angeles, outclassed Babe Brandelli, hard hitting Italian of Venice, in a fast eight-rounder. Sellers mixed aggressiveness and solid punching in with his clever boxing to cop six of the rounds. Sellers weighed 139, Brandelli 147.

Otis Dedmon, 162, Oklahoma, stopped Frankie Jackson, 165, San Bernardino, in the fourth round.

The 1940 Golden Gloves tournament staged at the Hollywood Stadium did not produce the talent of former years. Although over 100 contestants participated, few of them exhibited real class. Rodie O'Dooley, Ah Wing Dong and Kaydee Mathues flashed the most "color," but lacked the ability to win. Most of those favored to win titles, namely, Tony Canelli, Jim Lee, Walter Ernsdorf and Ceferino Robleto, were beaten. George Giambastiana, heavyweight, appears to be the best prospect of the bunch. To Johnny Maurry goes the honor of outstanding coach of the tournament. Although Maurry had but one winner, three of his five entries made the finals and these three, Al Medrano, Jackie Lester and Art Rojo stood out as being well schooled boxers.

Red Green and Toby Vigil fought ten blistering rounds to a draw, according to Referee Benny Whitman, but the decision was booed lustily. Most everyone in the packed Hollywood Stadium that night considered Green the winner. The contest was fast and stubbornly fought throughout. The first round was close enough to call even, but Green gave Vigil a terrific beating in the second and it appeared that the Signal Kid was to stop the classy Mexican. They fought at close quarters all during the third round, with Green having the better of the exchanges. The fourth frame was a standoff, but Vigil copped the fifth with some snappy left-jabbing. Green connected with hard overhand rights and short lefthooks all during the seventh and eighth, giving Vigil a real going-over in both rounds. However, the lithe Mexican, plenty tough and a real gamester, came back to win the ninth by a big margin, stabbing the Signal Kid with piston-like jabs and rocking his head with right uppercuts. Vigil also copped the tenth. Referee Whitman declared it a draw and the crowd booed long and loud. Green weighed 138, Vigil 134.

Richie Lemos, 130, scored a fifth round T.K.O. over Andy Vasquez in the semi. Vasquez was saved from a K.O. in the fourth, the referee having reached the count of nine when the gong ended the round.

Frank Crowley, former matchmaker of Hollywood Stadium, appears to have a coming heavyweight in George Giambastiana, a 220-pound Italian. Giambastiana, winner in the recent Los Angeles Golden Glove tournament, is an exceptionally good boxer for an amateur and he also punches well.

Soldier Ed Stanley, San Francisco lightweight, and Jimmy Liddell of Los Angeles, staged one of the roughest brawls ever seen in the Ocean Park arena. After repeatedly warning both battlers against foul tactics, Referee Frankie Dolan declared it "no contest" at the end of the fourth round. Stanley was ahead at the time, having floored Liddell in the third and rocked him a number of times in the fourth. The crowd loudly protested the bout being stopped.

Babe Antuna, 125, Los Angeles, kayoed Dom Kid Den of Puerto Rico, in the first round of the semi.

Jim Lane, colored heavy of Long Beach, gained revenge over Big Boy Brackey in their rematch at Wilmington Bowl, by belting the Buffalo heavyweight out in the second round. Brackey was floored seven times in this one-sided contest.

Elmer Lewis, 145, Redondo, stopped Rudy Campa of San Fernando, in the third.

In arriving at the decision rendered in the Red Green-Toby Vigil bout, Referee Benny Whitman is supposed to have used the "Australian system." Whether it is Australian, American or Chinese, California boxing fans are becoming very disgusted with the atrocious decisions handed out by local referees. It is apparent that there is a "system" all right, one not known by name, but one that can be detected by the odor.

LEST I FORGET: George Parnassus has purchased the contract of Chief Evening Thunder, club-fighting lightweight. . . . Red Green and Jackie Wilson have been putting on some great bouts at the Manhattan gym in Los Angeles. . . . Petey Scalzo, claimant of featherweight title, and Manager Pete Reilly (of "hotfoot" fame) are in our midst. . . . Reilly also has Joe Boscarino, a good welter of Syracuse, N. Y., with him. . . . Jimmy Lakes, Greek welter of Los Angeles, was the first local boxer to enter the army. . . . Young Kid McCoy is the best looking eastern fighter to show in California in many months. The likable Dearborn boxer will be welcome back anytime. . . . Richie Lemos defeated Cleo Shan in six at San Diego.

Billy Latka has quit the ring to become a policeman. . . . In my book, Jackie Wilson is still the best lightweight in the world. . . . Dencio Cabanello scored a fifth round K.O. over Bob Castro at El Centro. . . . It is said that the retirement of Ray Lunney, one of California's greatest prospects, was because of weak eyes. . . . George Ades and his good welter, Jack Larrimore, departed for Florida. They are due back in February. . . . Jack Roper dropped a ten-round decision to Luis Logan at Manila, P. I. He had previously scored a K.O. over Logan, for championship of the Orient. . . . Al Smith is in New York City with Poppy Zasker. . . . Georgie Pace, colored bantam of Cleveland, lost to Rush Dalma here on December 5 in a keen tussle of 10 rounds. . . . Sheik Rangel decisioned Tabby Romero in a 10-rounder at Fresno. . . . Walter Franklin returned to New York. . . . Jack Dempsey has been refereeing wrestling bouts throughout California during the past month, and as usual has been selling out the arenas in every case. . . . Baby Breese says that Jackie Wilson punches much harder than Lew Jenkins. . . . Small Montana was stopped by Lou Salica in three rounds at Toronto. . . . Georgie Crouch made a tremendous hit in Honolulu by kayoing Clever Henry, Hawaiian lightweight champion. . . . Jimmy Garrison, popular Kansas City battler, is again ready to go, after having a nose operation. . . . Rex Graham, likable young manager of Oklahoma, has returned to California with his two heavyweights, Junior Munsell and Buddy Scott. . . . Gene Espinoza, Los Angeles featherweight, won his initial start in Honolulu. . . . Arthur Dorell, Eddie Mead's scrappy welter, has returned to his home in Texas for a visit. . . . Nick Peters is reported to be visiting in San Antonio, Tex., his former home. Too bad Nick didn't get to fight in New York. His rip-roaring style and terrific punch would have made a big hit with New York fans. . . . Leon Zorrita stopped Al Grayson in the fifth at San Diego. . . . California Boxing Commission is still promising to do something about the bad refereeing being done out here. The Commission also threatens to clamp down on the foul fighters. (Ho, Hum!)

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BOXING IN CUBA

By MILT BARON

CUBA can proudly boast of a very successful year in boxing. In fact, never before in the history of Cuban sports have we experienced a year equal to 1940. Excellent cards were prevalent, with record breaking gates, and we all feel very optimistic for a bright and prosperous 1941.

We all take our hats off to Jaime Marine, the gentleman responsible for Cuba's fast and great rise in sports. Next to him comes Luis Gutierrez, who recently gave up his position as boxing commissioner to take over another important post under the direction of the National Sports Commission where he is meeting with marvelous success.

Golden Glove contests brought out some promising lads, and here are the names of the champions for 1940: Flyweight, Humberto Sierra; bantamweight, Emilio Taboada; featherweight, Lorenzo Collazo; lightweight, Amado Vaquero; welterweight, Bobby Pancho; middleweight, Juan Blanco.

Juan Oliva, Cuba's globe-trotting manager, is preparing for another tour to South America with an excellent stable of fighters. He has Chino Buida, 147; Babi Chichi, 135; Young Collimber, 126; and Sergio Napoles, the 112-pound hard-socking youngster. Oliva is a shrewd manager and knows the game from A to Z.

Raul Carrabantes, Chilean 147-pounder, again scored over Manuel Sanchez of Cuba in 10 rounds. Pedro Poey, 124, kayoed Reynaldo Puentipi, 129, in seven rounds, and Elicier Varona, 126, drew in six with Mariano Arilla, 125. Orlando Ramil, 120, outpointed Marcel Castillo, 120, in six sessions, and Raul Ochendia, veteran featherweight, beat Sixto Gori in six rounds.

Pablo Roca, alias Young Collumber, put the skids under Eligio Alvarez in one round. Both lads are Cuban featherweights. Pablo Roca is coming along fast and before long will be a serious contender for the title. Moises Rodriguez, 118, drew in six with Orlando Ramil, 118, and Almagro Ramiro, 140, scored a five-round kayo over Ramon Saavedra, and Manolo Sierra easily defeated Juan Sanchez. Both weighed 120 pounds.

Lorenzo Safora, Cuban bantamweight champion, put Bertico Ramos away in the first round, and Jorge Caula, 145, did the same trick to Joe Goichochea, 143. Guillermo Morejon surprised with his quick knockout of Kid Pintado, 118, and Andres Gomez, Indian welterweight, scored a five-round K.O. over Nicolas Duenas. Chino Rebassa won in two rounds over Pablo Conde, Navy bantamweight, when the referee halted the contest.

Pedrito Martinez, Cuba's fast-rising, flashy featherweight, and outstanding boxer of 1940, scored a sensational K.O. over his erstwhile conqueror, Kid Rapidez. Pedro's left hook played havoc with the Kid, and his seconds tossed the towel.

Willy Puentes, known as "Maciste," corking Columbian lightweight, made his Cuban debut against Joe Pedroso, lightweight champion. The contest was one of the best ten-rounders seen in many moons. Though the nod went to the local lad, it was the general opinion that a draw would have satisfied. Puentes is a fast youngster, with a T.N.T. wallop. He is managed by Manolo Fernandez. Puentes has lost only one out of 25 contests.

Eddy Johnson, star jockey from New Orleans, now riding at Oriental Park, Havana, is a steady customer at the Cristal Arena. Johnson likes boxing and is seriously contemplating his entry in the Golden Glove tournament which starts in January 1941. If he can box like he can ride —he'll make the grade.

Angel Ruiz, dusky welterweight, scored an eight-round decision over Ramon Molina, although the fans booed the decision. Elicier Varona drew in six with Juan Villalba, and Ramiro Almagro, 142, scored a four-round knockout over Saturnino Rico, 148. Chino Mercado, 129, bested Luis Diaz, 135, in a good contest.

Johnny Cruz was appointed dean of physical culture at the National Boxing Academy, where he is also instructor and turns out some good prospects. Cruz is number one referee in Cuba.

Joe Pedroso, local lightweight king, went 10 rounds to a draw with Carmelo Fenoy in a return go. Pedroso was worthy of the decision. Guajiro Salvaje was knocked out in the first round by David Plumas, and Baby Chichi lost a hairline decision to Mario Baeza, both lightweights. Kid Espinosa, 112, won by the kayo route over Juan Arango, 107.

Pablo Roca, 126, caused an upset by his victory over Pedro Martinez, 127. As the writer predicted, Pablo proved a tough opponent for Martinez.

Marianao has opened up the Valle Modelo where boxing shows are held every Tuesday night. Local talent provides good cards, and now with the winter racing season coming on, business should be on the upgrade. Hugo Cabarcos referees.

Wrestling cards are still going strong. Giraldo Hierro, promoter, has imported Soldier Thomas. Wrestling results: Luis Pino defeated Cyclone Veloz; Abe Walda lost to Tony Velasco; Sammy Broomfield, present star of the crop here, defeated Vincent Piluzzo, and Raul Lopez of Mexico defeated Maurice Lecfourt of France. Luis Pino defeated Enrique Fernandez; Vincent Piluzzo beat Oscar "Loco" Conill; Raul Lopez of Mexico beat Tony Velasco; and Sailor Olsen was defeated by Sammy Broomfield. Luis Pino defeated Popeye Laguarda; Loco Conill defeated Zocotroco; Tony Velasco was beaten by Sailor Olsen, and Sammy Broomfield won from Raul Lopez of Mexico.

Reynaldo Gutierrez, Cuba's star middleweight, under the pilotage of Manolo Fernandez, is getting into shape for his coming tilt with Young Caballero of Spain. Gutierrez is a sharpshooter. Indian Gomez, a corking welterweight, is also under Manolo Fernandez's direction.

Jess Losada is back in Havana after a three months' rest in the country. During his absence Luis Parga took care of his department. Losada will probably give up the post as boxing commissioner, which leaves Sr. Parga in entire charge. Parga has had years of experience as boxing promoter and he knows plenty.

Mario Morales, Cuban flyweight king, is slated to meet Kid Espinosita in a 10-round titular contest. Morales is a tough kid for anybody, and I predict he will retain his title after his clash with Espinosita. Morales is under management of Teniente Ulivarri, a fellow who knows his boxing business all right.

Joe Legon, Cuba's welterweight king, and popular all over the Island, is training hard for his coming fight with Raul Carrabantes, the Chilean who was knocked cold by Legon two months ago. Carrabantes is crying for a return match, and, a boy, will he get it! Legon will flatten him again. Go to it Joe.

The Cuban boxing fans, through this column, wish to convey their thanks to Nat Fleischer for all the wonderful material furnished through this great magazine during the year 1940. They all look up to Mr. Fleischer as the man supreme in matters "boxistico," and wish him great luck for the coming year. Well, friends, "hasta luego."

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By MARK FANNON

PROVIDENCE—Larry Bolvin, Rhode Island's little Dempsey, established himself as the state's best feather and biggest drawing card, in licking Al Mancini, in 10 onesided rounds. Larry's fist carried too much dynamite for his foe. He knocked down Mancini three times, while a crowd of 3350 looked on. The gate of $5,084 was the highest in quite some time, thanks to Larry, who is the most talked of little man in this section. Matched with the country's favorites, Larry would be the biggest attraction little Rhodie ever had, even surpassing Young Montreal.

New Bedford—Ted Lowry, 166, back from a brief campaign at Portland, got back in the winning column, in taking the 10-round nod from Larry Kellum, 160, New York. Phil Quillan, 141, Springfield colored lad, scored his most impressive win in taking a split six-round decision over Babe Synott, 146, Fall River. Irish Mickey Canty, 142, Springfield, made it two straight in winning over Tony Gouviea, 146, Brockton, in six.

McCoy may seem an easy opponent for Louis to the average fan, but he is a better opponent than were Paychek, Jack Roper, John Henry Lewis, Eddie Simms or King Levinsky. Remember, McCoy has fought many heavies, conceding weight in most of his matches. We, in Boston, realize that McCoy was not the best opponent for the Louis bout, but his popularity in New England made Al the best attraction.

Mike Jacobs has included Boston in his circuit of cities to feature the world's outstanding fighters. While we do not agree with Jacobs on all things, it is to be admitted that he has done much for all boxing classes, kept the average sports fan interested, shown more champions to more localities, made more money for topnotchers in keeping them busy, than any one promoter we know. It is not to be forgotten that THE RING, through its writers and ratings, has not failed in choosing dependable material for Jacobs, to keep alive every section. Cooperation between promoters is necessary; good cards need not stay in their own back yard. Let the good battlers keep as busy as possible, make as much money as possible, then, when their best fighting is done, have them retire. Boxing never need worry about new talent. It will be never ending, if the battlers are paid in deserving manner. Boston, after Louis appeared, had seen three world's champions in the course of six months. The boxing situation, it was said a short time ago, was dead in Boston.

WRESTLING BITS—Tommy O'Toole of California, is the current sensation in Boston. He beat the favored Steve Casey in his first start there. Shortly after he took the measure of Don George, another former titleholder. An Irishman that can grapple goes over big in the Bean Town, and this young westerner has taken the eye of the fans. . . . Lou Brouillard, now looking like another Galento, won his third straight victory in his favored city of Worcester. . . . . We wouldn't be surprised to see Lou tangling for the title before many moons. . . . With Hartford and Portland now having regular shows, New England will have a busy season. . . . Among the prominent grapplers now appearing in this section are such names as Steve Casey, Don George, Charlie Manoogian, Man Mountain Dean, Charlie Strack, George Dillman, The Angel, Joe Cox, Bibber McCoy, Leo Numa and Chris Zaharias. . . . The Angel, in his first start for the season out this way, used his famous bear hug to crush Man Mountain Dean in short order.

November will go down in New England boxing history as the month of upsets. These lads must have been born under an odd star, for November has proven a month of jinxes for them, after they had compiled an impressive record and were clamoring for bigger game.

Jimmy Leto pulled the unexpected by chilling Cocoa Kid, in one of the most surprising upsets of the season. Cocoa Kid, who had defeated Leto earlier in the year, was a 1 to 3 favorite to repeat. No one dreamed the Hartford lad capable of tagging the clever Cocoa.

Pat Foley, who was attempting a new start since his halt by Paul DeBello, travelled to Chicago instead of seeking a match with Georgie Salamone, who had defeated Johnny Rohrig in Foley's home town during the month, and would have been a natural for Worcester. Foley choose to travel 1,000 miles to be flattened by Billy Marquart, in the first round.

Red Guggino, the unpredictable, after losing a series of close matches, took high-ranking Leo Rodak into camp, at Miami, although the decision was unpopular. Then in his next try at Miami, lost in 10 rounds to Yucatan Kid. Rodak, however, got even with our boys by whipping Julie Kogon, who also was riding high.

Red Moffett of Devon, Conn., who has two wins over Julie Kogon and who created a surprise in putting away Yucatan Kid in the first round, lost to Primo Flores, in an eight-rounder.

Of milder importance was the work of Tony Shucco and Art McAlpine. Shucco, who like good wine improves with age, defeated Harry Bobo, in Bobo's home town, with the Pittsburgher enjoying 29 pounds in weight.

Art McAlpine, Springfield Negro light-heavy, stopped Herb Coonan. This was Coonan's first serious setback during his short pro career.

RING NOTES. . . . Florant Desmarais, Manchester, N. H., former amateur champ, fighting three main bouts at Springvale, Maine, knocked out his three opponents in three successive weeks. . . . . Dave Palitz, former N. E. welter champ, and who had fought Jack Britton a 10-round draw, when Britton was world's champ, died at New London, Conn. . . . Coley Welch took the measure of the highly-touted Len Wadsworth, Canadian champion, at Portland. . . . Carl Moss sends us information on his charge, Tommy Kiene. . . . From what we hear of Kiene, a match between him and Larry Bolvin for the supremacy of the North and South among little men, would be another battle of the century and a stimulant to the lighter classes. . . . Peter Carr, of Lawrence, member of the Massachusetts boxing commission, passed away here. . . . Carlos Vera, of the "Novedades" newspaper in Mexico City, is trying to get Eddie Dolan and Julie Kogon to show there.

Max Baer appeared in Boston in the musical comedy, "Hi-Ya Gentlemen." . . . Coley Welch made his Madison Square Garden debut an impressive one by stopping Maxie Long. . . . Let Conn meet Godoy, and Mr. Conn will forget his title ambitions. . . . The Louis-McCoy fight promises to be a sellout, as this is written. . . . Half the seats have been reserved. . . . Look for the March RING for details of the fight. . . . Until then our address is still 28 Front St., Ashland, Mass. . . . Season's greetings to all!

BOXING IN MAINE
By DAVE SILVERMAN

COLEY WELCH, Portland's middleweight contender, scored two victories the past month. He won an easy 10-rounder from Len Wadsworth, the Canadian middleweight champion, who hails from Hamilton, Ontario. He then made his New York Garden debut by knocking out Maxie Long of Dallas, Texas, in three rounds. He made a good impression and will be back at the Garden again at an early date.

On the Welch-Wadsworth show, Ernie Burke of Portland and Lefty La Chance of Lisbon battled six rounds to a draw, and in the other six, Paul Herrick of Portland won a decision from Lee Martin of Farmington.

Portland—Frankie Nelson, formerly of Davenport, Iowa, now making his home in Portland, in fighting one of his best battles defeated Harvey Massey in a 10-round duel at the Exposition Building. Other bouts on the card saw Eddie Latourneau score a technical knockout over Florant Demaris of Manchester, N. H., in five rounds, when the latter received a badly cut lip. Duke Demers, the hard hitting Sanford lightweight, knocked out Henry Perry of Portland in the third, and Honey Driscol of Portland knocked out Henry Lynch, also of Portland, in three, while Jimmy Cook and Eddie O'Tash battled four rounds to a draw.

Springvale—Florant Demaris of Manchester knocked out Johnny Mack of Sanford in three rounds. Al Welch of Kennebunk won a six-round decision from Honey Driscol of Portland, and Eddie O'Tash won by a technical knockout from Speedy Kilbane of Manchester in four.

South Berwick—Tiger Lambert of Biddeford won a six-round decision from Freddie Bishop of Sanford. Henry Perry of Portland knocked out Ted Merichas of Manchester in three, and Al Welch of Kennebunk knocked out Al Poltack in three rounds.

Springvale—Florant Demaris of Manchester knocked out Leo Liotta of Cambridge, Mass., in five rounds. Herb Tracy of South Portland knocked out Chuck Maxfield of New Hampshire in five rounds, and Duke Demers of Sanford knocked out Dom Murry of Manchester, N. H., in two.

Springvale—Florant Demaris of Manchester, N. H., knocked out Eddie Mason of Cambridge, in two rounds. Eddie Bangs won by a technical knockout in two rounds from Henry Perry of Portland. Paul Herrick of Portland won from Lee Martin of Farmington in six rounds, and Norman Harvey from Saco knocked out Butch Clark of Farmington in one round.

Brunswick—Billy Lancaster of Portland knocked out K.O. Tardiff of Brunswick in five rounds. Young Beaushane of Brunswick won a hard fought six-round decision from Al Coutier of Lewiston, and Jimmy Jordon of Lewiston and Charlie Cony of Bath battled four rounds to a draw. Paul Junior, former New England lightweight champion, refereed.

Pittsfield—Jimmy Cook of Rumford and Pete Herman of Boston battled six rounds to a draw. Honey Driscol of Portland won a six-round decision from Al Wooster of Rockland, and Henry Perry of Portland won a four-rounder from Al Williams of Pittsfield.

South Berwick—Francis Burleigh of Dover won a six-rounder from Homer Tole of Boston. Jimmy Cook of Rumford decisioned Ted Collins of Boston in six rounds, and Henry Lynch of Portland and Al Welch of Kennebunk battled four rounds to a draw.

Brunswick—Billy Lancaster of Portland won by a technical from Al Buck of Lisbon Falls, in four rounds. In the semi-final, Maurice Beaushane of Brunswick and K.O. Tetreault, also of Brunswick, battled six rounds to a draw.

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IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER
By I. Q. GROSS

WE are compiling this digest of boxing news while riding the rails of a fast flyer from the frozen blasts of the North to the sunny clime of Miami Beach, Florida, where some publicity work beckons. However, New Jersey news will continue to reach you through this column.

Ample proof that any city will support a bang-up boxing card was demonstrated in Newark when four good matches were presented on the same card. The crowd was 3,500, more than capacity, and the gate was $3,977. In the feature event of eight rounds, Pete Lello of Gary, Indiana, scored an eight-round technical K.O. over Morris Parker of Newark. Lello weighed 134½ pounds while Parker scaled in at 129. Referee Gene Roman stopped the fight to save the former national amateur champion a worse beating.

Another upset was scored when Wallace Cross of East Orange, the 1940 national A.A.U. heavyweight champion, made his pro debut by scoring a technical knockout over the far more experienced Joe Gatty of Toms River in the sixth of a scheduled eight. Cross, managed by Carl Anderson of the Newark A. C., was indeed impressive. The winner weighed 210, 16 more than O'Gatty.

Boxing was resumed at Scott Hall, Elizabeth, when Morris Parker, the former national A.A.U. champion from Newark, stopped Frank Flynn of Batavia, N. Y., in the fifth round. Hymie Kugel halted the contest after Flynn was on the canvas. In the semi-final of six rounds, Frankie Duane of Elizabeth decisioned Tony Novello of Union City, Novello being floored several times. Red Rice of Elizabeth and Bunky Wall of Morristown went six rounds to a draw. Ralph Dougherty lost to Freddy Thiel, Walter Stevens flattened Jimmy Chevras in two, and Paulie Politto stopped Freddy Conn in two in the four-rounders.

Freddy (Red) Cochrane, who is featured on every charity show held in Newark, lost a ten-rounder to Norman Rubio of Albany at Newark in a show held for the benefit of a local Christmas fund. Cochrane was on the floor for a nine count in the first and for seven seconds in the second. Paul Cavalier gave the decision which was popular with the crowd. Tony Galento refereed the six-round semi in which Steve Hostak of the Iron-bound decisioned Oscar Poindexter. Willie Neyland defeated William Henry Cheatum in another six. Frankie Rullo stopped Johnny McGrath in one, Charles Winkelreid vs. Red Rice and Pat Martin vs. Jim Oakley were the other fours on the show, which drew $3,000.

Red Stevens, Trenton heavy, was stopped by John Myasuk in the second of a scheduled eight at Philly . . . . Boxing and wrestling will be held at Lazzara's Hall in Paterson under the promotion of Harry Garsh, former handler of Bruce Flowers . . . . Sam Rose is managing Frankie Young, a middleweight . . . . Phil Sharkey will soon be back in action with Al De Vito catching the punches in his corner . . . . Jack Pfeffer is running battle royals in wrestling at Newark . . . . Max Baer again refereed a wrestling match in Newark . . . . Irish Bobby Brady is not a butcher as I previously wrote. He is a tavern owner at Congress and Summit Streets, Jersey City.

RHODE ISLAND NEWS
By FRED SPETRINI

THE fight that local Rhode Island fistic fandom had been talking about and waiting for, finally came off, when through the untiring efforts of Matchmaker John T. Toomey, who made the match, under the auspices of the Arena Boxing Club, the two local neighborhood rivals, Larry Bolvin, the Blitzkrieg Kid, from Eagle Park, and THE RING's seventh ranking featherweight, and Al Mancini, fight idol from Charles St., were pitted against each other at the auditorium. The fight attracted a large crowd, which spent $5,100. Bolvin took eight of the ten rounds and put Mancini down for a two count in the third and a nine count in the ninth. The Blitzkrieg Kid, who has T.N.T. in either fist, carried the first five rounds, lost the next two, and then took the next and last three, and won without leaving a doubt about which way the decision should go.

In the eight-round semi-final, Vic Curchado, 124½, of Puerto Rico, won over Martin Taber, 123, of East Providence. Al Dutra, 136, from Boston, beat Al Scully, 136, of Worcester, via T.K.O. at the end of three rounds. In the opener Ernest Forte, 135, of Providence, decisioned Jackie Amado, 134, of Newport, R. I., in four fast rounds. . . . Dom Deci, good going 140-pounder from Providence, now fighting out of New York, for Lew Burston, kept his victory streak in the Metropolitan area clean, by winning his fifth and six straight bouts in the big city. In his fifth time out Dom beat Vic Roma at the St. Nicholas Palace. Dom weighed 139, and his opponent 139½.

In his next time out Dom, at 140, beat Steve Riggio, 140¾, of New York, in a six-rounder at the Broadway Arena.

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If any of you fight managers or boxers want any information concerning boxing activities around these parts, send your queries with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Punching Larry Bolvin, the Dynamite Kid from Providence, R. I., defeated Everette Rightmire, veteran Sioux City battler, in a thrilling bout of ten rounds. Everette had the bout in his hands up to the seventh when Bolvin's rally turned the tide. He gained every round thereafter to win the battle. He floored Rightmire in the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds for no count. The last four rounds were humdingers.

The preliminary bouts resulted as follows: Dom (Deci) De Ciantis, 139, of Providence, stopped Mistos Grispos, 140, of Greece in the fourth round. The referee stopped the fight because of a cut eye sustained by Mistos. Billy Tordiglione, 147, of Boston, beat Phil Quillain, 145, of Springfield in six. In the other three bouts, all of four rounds, Jackie Harris, 128, Boston, beat Frankie Topezio, 126, Bristol; Nat Cannata, 145½, Providence, won over Tommy Grady, 146, Springfield; and Ernest Forte, 137, Providence, decisioned Billy Barbour, 140, of Apponaug, R. I.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM DEWEY AND ASSOCIATES

NEW ORLEANS AND DIXIE NOTES
By HAROLD BUCKLEY

HARRY WEEKLY, former Alliance, Ohio, welterweight, now making this city his home and campaigning under the guidance of Broadway Johnny Cox, is just about the best fistic attraction this city has boasted in many, many years. The speedy Weekly won the Southern welterweight title here in a rousing fight with Jerome Conforto and immediately after the bout Weekly was presented with a huge and beautiful trophy, emblematic of the title, by Brigadier General Steve Alford of the Louisiana State Athletic Commission.

The topflight fighters in this sector and who, in the writer's opinion, will garner themselves a rating with the world's best. Harry Weekly is tops in the 147-pound division and right now Lew Raymond is trying to get Zivic or Milt Aron for the fast-moving Weekly. An excellent distance fighter, Weekly can take a punch with the best of 'em and his left hand is one of the best seen here since Jack Britton amazed the local fight populace with his rapier left hand. Weekly is about the busiest fighter to come this way since Harry Greb.

Jerome Conforto, Sammy Magro and Ben Montabana of Birmingham, Ala., following Weekly in the order named.

Ervin Berlier is the best lightweight in the South today. His recent wins over Leo Rodak, George Zengaras and Nickie Camaratta figure to win the flashy southpaw a spot among the first 10 in the division disputed by Jenkins and Angott.

Considered all through as a fighter less than a year ago, Berlier came back from the fistic scrap heap to earn the well-deserved monicker, "The Miracle Man," placed on him by the astute Lew Raymond.

Don't bet against Berlier in title fights with either Angott or Jenkins. Emile Bruneau and Sam Weaver really accomplished a miracle themselves in bringing the elusive and likable Berlier back into the money ranks.

Jimmy Perrin added Ginger Foran to his list of victims here in November to make his score 16 wins and one defeat in the featherweight division during the past two years. Petey Scalzo outpointed Jimmy for the lone setback, but the New Orleans lad followed with a win over Joe Marinelli of Dayton, Ohio. This was the only defeat registered in 60 or more fights against the Ohioan.

Leaders in this sector, the best in the South, are:
Heavyweights—None.
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Due to the Sugar Bowl football game and other events, Lew Raymond, A.B.A. matchaker, passed up the month of December and only one show was scheduled for January. Raymond, however, plans to go every week starting in February after the Mardi Gras festivities are over.

John M. Wilkie, I. Mattes and Lenny J. Elmer are secretary, treasurer and chairman, respectively, of the new Louisiana State Athletic Commission appointed a couple of months back by His Excellency, Gov. Sam Houston Jones. A trio of swell fellows. Ask any of the numerous managers and boxers who came down here during the latter part of 1940.

Brigadier General Steve Alford is the supervisor of the Louisiana commission and the General is also tops with the matchmakers, promoters, boxers, wrestlers and managers throughout the entire state.

"The Louisiana boxing commission has accomplished more in three months than the previous commissions in their entirety," is what one of the newspapermen recently stated. Dr. Sam Houston is the examining physician of the Louisiana commission and, like his predecessor, Dr. J. W. A. Smith, the new medical examiner is well thought of by those connected with boxing and wrestling in Louisiana.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By DICK CARTER

THE Knights of Columbus went into the boxing business one blowy Thursday evening with the Messrs. Johnny Antonello and Tom McHugh doing the masterminding. The show was staged in the Municipal Auditorium and featured a 10-round featherweight bout between Chester Ellis, rapid local redskin, and a tough little Omaha boy, Stanley Novak. The bounding Ellis won the decision, scoring two knockdowns in the process. Ellis hurt Novak with a couple of rights to the body, but was not smart or experienced enough to try again.

In a scheduled ten, Pat Kissinger landed a thunderous left hook into the lunch department of Mike Dundee and they removed Mr. Dundee from the stage, after a minute or so of the first period.

The third ten spot was also terminated in the first round when Harry Mills, local 150-pound redhead, conked Petey Alcanter with a couple of right crosses. Baby Lou Alcanter won a five-rounder from Gene Driscoll, lightweight, and in the opener, Roy Logan stopped Dick Houck, Ottumwa, Ia., feather, in the third. Logan formerly operated as Bob Peeples.

Promoter Max Yeargain staged a show in Topeka, Kansas. In the main event Jackie Simmons, classy Negro lightweight of Kansas City, galloped through 10 rounds with the club-fighting Mexican favorite, Battling Chino Lopez. The papers leaned over backward and gave gritty Chino a draw.

In the six-round semi-final, Terry Nolan, former Missouri Valley A.A.U. middleweight champion, defeated Al Shapiro of New York and Kansas City. Nolan, a promising kid, might have stopped Shapiro had he not been afraid of the six-round distance.

Elmer Allen Carson outpunched Baby Dominguez; Bobby Raymond and Manuel Gonzales stared at each other, and Walter Selkirk shaded Tuffy Marlin in four-rounders.

This writer is now making matches for Gabe Kaufman, American Legion boxing promoter, running worth-while shows in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo. Fighters and managers can reach us at 628 Sandusky, Kansas City, Kansas. Especially interested in white middleweights with some sort of record.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

LEW JENKINS, the lightweight boss with the heavyweight punch, proved conclusively to everyone what his Texas followers have known all along, that he is a really great champion when he is in shape. He flattened Pete Lello in his first title defense in New York. Lew has always been able to come through when the chips were down, but made the mistake of taking his non-title fight with Henry Armstrong too lightly last summer and came into the ring in what was probably the poorest physical condition of his entire career.

Jimmy Erwin, former Birmingham and Washington promoter, who also managed Petey Sarron to the world's featherweight championship, has returned to the scene of his early successes in the promotional field, El Paso, and has taken over the boxing club at the west Texas city. El Paso is extremely fortunate to have popular Jimmy at the helm and we are certain that he will rebuild that city into the fistic center that it was when Erwin was there many years ago.

Sam Slotsky, well-known San Antonio and Corpus Christie promoter, has resumed promotion in the Alamo City. As this is being written, Sam has an outstanding show booked, featuring the ever-popular idol of the Mexican population, Kid Azteca vs. Bobby Pacho, and San Antonio's own Nick Peters vs. Rudolfo Ramirez, Mexican lightweight king, in a doubleheader that promises to revive boxing in a big way.

Slotsky is one of the country's very best promoters and if he receives the help and cooperation from members of the fistic fraternity and the sports scribes that he is entitled to, San Antonio also will again be a great fight spot.

Jimmy Fitten, Mexico's premier promoter for the past twenty years, again has demonstrated just why he is tops in the business, by closing up an opposition club that has been attempting to run for the past several months. Fitten's fair dealings and great matchmaking are a handicap that mushroom promoters find too great an obstacle to overcome. Jimmy is looking forward to 1941 as a banner year. He plans the importation of a number of high ranking American fisticuffers to do battle with the classy flock of local scrappers that he has developed in the past year.

Although there has been very little activity in Texas in 1940, the coming year promises to see a genuine revival of boxing in the Lone Star State, with a number of clubs due to open in and around the newly created army camps. There is at present a fine crop of young talent around and while it is still mostly in the preliminary stage, some worthy main eventers should be developed before the year has elapsed. Any information or assistance the writer may be able to give regarding boxing in Texas or Mexico will be done so gladly. Address: 1133 West Bell St., Houston, Texas.

MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON
By NATE PHILLIPS

AT WASHINGTON—Joe Turner moved into his new and enlarged winter quarters and presented Charley Burley and Vince Pimpinella in a main go of ten rounds, in which Burley was an easy winner. In the eight-round semi-final, Billy Banks still remained undefeated when he won over Tony Novello of Paterson, N. J. In a six Al Costa won over Oscar Wright after a very hard fought battle. In another six, Buddy Thomas was declared the winner over Buddy Holmes. Why or how no one knows.

At the Riverside Stadium, Ray Alvis and Goldie Ahearn presented their second show with a main bout of ten rounds between Georgie Abrams and Henry Chmielewski, with the winner to be given a shot at the N.B.A. middleweight champ, Tony Zale. In this Georgie avenged a former defeat when he was declared the winner via a T.K.O. at the sixth, when the referee stopped the fight. In the second Georgie slammed a hard right to Henry's jaw that staggered him, and from that point on it was all Abrams. In the fifth Henry went down from the same kind of a punch, but was back up at the count of five. In the eight-round semi-final Harry Hurst, Canadian lightweight, had Billy Bullock of Washington down eight times before the referee halted the fight in the seventh. In another set for eight rounds, Irish Eddie Dunne won over Hershey Kid Chocolate.

Fistiana Alley: Jack Portney, that ever pleasing popular sportsman and billiard academies owner, has opened a new gym that is the latest word in training quarters and has it opened to the public. Fred Squires, the Dundalk sportsman, has secured Jack Laken as his matchmaker and will open up a new fight club by the time this goes to press.

At the Century Club's weekly offering Louis Kid Cocoa and Jimmy Leto showed in a main go set for ten rounds. After a very slow first round, Cocoa started to show to advantage with his rapier-like left, when lo and behold the inevitable happened. Jimmy caught Cocoa with a beautiful left hook, and down went Cocoa for a count of nine, getting up to beat the count by a whisker. Jimmy then stalked his prey into a corner, and a right hand to the jaw sent Cocoa down again to be counted out in the third, for the first time in over 93 starts. In the six-round semi-final Cocoa's stablemate, Al Cortez, fared better when he was declared the winner over Hershey Kid Chocolate. In a supporting six, Vince Tumminello won by a T.K.O. in the fourth over Tommy Julius, when he opened a gash over Tommy's eye.

Harry Jeffra, the featherweight champion, met Sixto Escobar in a non-title go of ten rounds and the champ won as he pleased. Jeffra forced the fight from the start with Escobar content to stand off and letting the champ do all of the leading. The semi-final scheduled for eight rounds was a return match between Laurence Gunn and Sammy Laporte, with Gunn having won the last encounter. Right at the start Laporte hit Gunn on the jaw and Gunn went out in the first. In another set for eight Jose Basora made quick work of Lambertine Williams when he chilled Williams in the second. The best fight of the evening was the opening four-rounder which saw Vince Tumminello win over Pee Wee Lewis in a very fast and furiously fought fight.

IN THE COAL FIELDS
By JOE BRADY

AT SCRANTON—Billy Speary, Nanticoke's featherweight contender and one time National A.A.U. amateur champion, appeared in the ten-round featured bout at the local Town Hall, winning the decision over Jimmy Gilligan of Buffalo, N. Y. Speary won eight out of the ten stanzas, while his Buffalo opponent was the victor in the other two heats. Speary was off and didn't live up to expectations as what was expected from him by the Scranton ring worms. Probably it was just an off-night for the Nanticoke youngster.

Joe Kelly, another Nanticoke product, won an easy six-round decision from Sean Haynes of Ireland. Kelly won the verdict due to his two-fisted body punching and out front in all of the six rounds.

Billy Furrone, Syracuse, N. Y. Negro, was the winner over Freddy Lewis, Nanticoke, via a three-round kayo. This bout was full of action until the surprising ending came in the third. Furrone landed a left-hook to Lewis' stomach, which the Nanticoke battler claimed was low. Referee Al Murphy counted him out and awarded the fight to Furrone on a kayo.

Billy Dolphin, classy Dunmore featherweight, added another victory to his credit by decisioning Murray Brown of Wilkes-Barre in four rounds. Dolphin appears like a natural fighter and is a very promising product who should be a headliner shortly.

In the opening bout of four rounds, Jimmy Corbett, Minooka middleweight, made his pro debut by hammering out a verdict over Al Thorton of Dunmore. The gate fell far below expectations. A paying net-crowd of $784 witnessed the show.

At Wilkes-Barre—Before a gross gate attendance of $4,600, Billy Speary, Nanticoke's featherweight gift to the pugilistic world, surprised the entire fistic gentry of the country by easily defeating world's featherweight champion Harry Jeffra of Baltimore over the ten-round route. Jeffra started fast, winning the first two rounds by outboxing Speary. It looked like a workout for the world champion. Then Speary started tossing leather in the third round to gain an edge in this canto and continued winning every round from then on until the eighth, which was Jeffra's best round as he handled Speary with ease and punched at will in this session. Starting the ninth fast Speary outboxed Jeffra to win this round and easily winning the tenth and final round. The decision was unanimous and a just verdict in favor of the one-time national amateur king.

Joe Kelly, stablemate of Billy Speary's, remained undefeated in the pro ranks, by stopping Joe Kiddish of Freeland in the fifth round of their scheduled six-rounder. Kelly had no trouble with his Freeland opponent. The referee stopped the encounter to save Kiddish from further punishment.

Johnny Forte, Philadelphia featherweight, had easy pickings with Ralph Maxie of Luzerne, who was a last-minute sub. Forte stopped Maxie in the third round of a scheduled six that was listed as the semi-final.

Willie Roach of Wilmington fought a slashing six-round draw with Patsy Gall of Freeland. This bout was full of action and very pleasing to watch. The fans applauded often and loud and were satisfied with the draw verdict.

Georgie Reilly, Wilkes-Barre featherweight, won a four-round decision in the curtain raiser over Patsy Defoe of Hazleton. Leo Houch, Penn State boxing coach, refereed the Speary-Jeffra bout while Joe Sweeney handled the preliminaries.

A BIT FOR ALL. . . . This month's issue of THE RING lists the annual rating of boxers in sections throughout the world and world ratings. Billy Speary deserves the No. 1 position as the fighter who did most for boxing in the Coal Regions. Chic Feldman, Scrantonian and Scranton *Tribune* sports editor, should be acclaimed as the one who is boxing's best booster and one who has helped the sport tremendously to achieve what it has the past year. "Chic" is the champion of his class, with Effie Welsh of Wilkes-Barre running second and Joe Butler of the Scranton *Times* running third. These three sports editors gave much space to fight cards. . . . Paul (Red) Carr, Buffalo, N. Y. matchmaker, arrived here with Jimmy Gilligan for the Billy Speary fight. Red was under the impression the show would draw in the neighborhood of four grand.

Pete Susky, one time middleweight contender, is now weighing around the 200-pound mark. . . . Tommy Connors, middleweight of 20 years ago, is now owner of the Oak Cafe in Scranton. Connors has many friends in the fight business and doing all right for himself in the cafe enterprise. . . . Doc Stenson, Coal Region leading fight announcer, is a beer distributor for the Gibbons people. "Doc" is the owner of one of the best pair of lungs in the announcing field and can hold his own with the world's best. . . . Mike Barrett, Scranton betting commissioner, "was taken" for a few "bobs" betting on Jeffra to win over Speary. . . . Mike Latzo is out of action as far as promoting is concerned. Mike is back hustling fighters again and fighters wanting to have Latzo do their business can reach him at 1715 Monroe Ave., Scranton. Fighters in the welterweight, featherweight and middleweight class can do all right in the Coal Regions. . . . THE RING is a fast seller in these parts and in Scranton it can be purchased at any newsstand. . . . The writer has been traveling back and forth to Wilkes-Barre and way stations and is unsettled but mail can reach me at 220 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton. . . . Bill McDade is lining up another show for his Wilkes-Barre club. . . . Pete Moran, Philly promoter, took in the Scranton Speary-Gilligan show. Commissioner George J. Jones and party, which included his secretary, Sam Purcell, Deputy George Steinhilper, Promoter Eddie Leroy, all of Williamsport, were ringside spectators at the Jeffra-Speary Wilkes-Barre show. . . . Don't forget to order a year's subscription of RING magazines for your friends, sons, brothers or whoever they may be that are now in Uncle Sam's service. It's just what the boys go for when in the Army or Navy.

SMOKE RINGS FROM PITTSBURGH
By RAY M. TODD

TONY SHUCCO, veteran Boston heavy, was just a little too ring wise for our Harry Bobo in the feature attraction of Jake Mintz's show at the South Side Market House and went on to cop the decision after ten rounds. Bobo weighed 210 pounds and the Bostonian came in at 181 pounds.

Irish Jackie Haley had his eye cut open in the fourth round of the scheduled six-round semi-final with the veteran Freddie Lenn and lost by T.K.O. in that round after holding his own in a very good fight. Lenn weighed 160 pounds and Haley tipped the beam at 164 pounds. Haley hails from Charleroi and Lenn from the South Side.

Johnny Cregan beat Ernie Pelaia in a six-rounder. Ira Johnston of McKeesport won via T.K.O. in the third round over Tampa Kid of Clairton in another six-rounder, and in the opening four-rounder Vic Hutton of Conneaut Lake trounced Frankie Marr of Aliquippa. The show drew a very nice crowd that enjoyed a good night of entertainment.

Harry Bobo topped the show at the Garden and stopped Jack Wofford in the third round. Ervin Hicks defeated Ernie Pelaia in the six-round semi-final. Johnny Cregan won over George Silvasy in six. Tommy Yarosz won by T.K.O. in the fourth round over Joey Terillio, and in the opener Billy Bates defeated Mimmie Adragna in four heats. The show was promoted by Jules Beck.

Johnny Rucker won the city lightweight championship by trouncing Sammy Adragna in ten rounds at the South Side Market House before one of the best crowds Jake Mintz has had at his arena this season. Rucker weighed 135 pounds and Adragna tipped the beam at 138½ pounds. Freddie Lenn trounced Lou Pitts in the eight-round semi-final. This was Pitts' first setback in twelve professional bouts. Lenn weighed 157 pounds and Pitts came in four pounds heavier. Mimmie Adragna reversed the decision rendered against him in a previous bout with Billy Bates when he won a split decision over Bates after six rounds. Tommy Daniels won handily over Billy Morris in the opening six-rounder. Daniels weighed 142 and Morris, 146 pounds. The show drew a net of $1,147.

JUST A JAB—Joey Mattis has recovered from illness which kept him idle for the past several weeks . . . . Harry Pittler has a real prospect in Johnny Rucker, who now holds Pittsburgh's lightweight championship . . . . Remember Frank Todd, a fighter of twenty years ago? Well, he's one of Charleroi's policemen and during the month he won a gold trophy from the Pittsburgh *Press* for selling the most papers and turning in the largest amount of money in a drive to raise funds for the needy children.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

RAY BARTLETT, Columbus O. manager, is ready to send his bantamweight buster, Freddie Pope, after the world's title. Bartlett has timed his protege to the second. Freddie licked everything on two haunches at his weight in this territory. Then Ray sent him off to California for a little more experience. Pope was undefeated at Hollywood, Los Angeles and other smaller clubs. Now he is back home. Bartlett also has a good welter socker in Jackie Carpenter.

Otis Thomas, the big 200-pound Chicago negro, sent too many lefts and rights at Jack Walker, 191, at Columbus, with the result Thomas earned a draw with the top ranking Capital City heavyweight challenger.

Dick Dusenbury brought boxing back to Portsmouth, Ohio, at the Radioland arena and presented the sensational heavyweight, Pick Johnson, with Jack Wilson of Dallas, Texas, in the 10-round opener. Johnson, hailing from Portsmouth, smothered the Texan with punches in the first few seconds and had Wilson knocked cold before the first round was over. This Johnson is a nice prospect. He is handled by Wilbur Morgan of Manchester, Ohio.

Elmer Yates knocked out Freddy Ray in four and Delbert Downing did likewise to Jack O'Day in two heats in the main supporting bouts.

Jenkins, Ky. Lloyd Pine, Coventry, O., 134½ pounds, won a 10-round decision over Chino Lopez, 140 pounds, of Mexico here on November 4th.

Louisville, Ky. Charlie Eschman, Cincinnati, 135 pounds, won the main six-round decision over Al Dorlac, 139 pounds, St. Louis.

Herschel Joiner, following his draw with Tommy Spiegal in October, got back in the running on November 25th at Cincinnati, winning a one-round knockout over the veteran Jimmy Buckler of Louisville.

Gib Jones, a good looking light-heavyweight, evened the score with Frankie Morgan of Buffalo, winning by a knockout. This makes the boys one-all and Promoter Benny Becker has rematched the two on a rubber match.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS. . . . Joe Basco of Barberton, O., has a good heavyweight in Jack Kutez. . . . Louie Vickers, New Concord, O. middleweight, will soon start shooting at the best in Ohio. . . . We will be glad to answer any queries on the part of THE RING readers. . . . THE RING, world's leading boxing and wrestling magazine, can be purchased at any of the leading downtown newsstands and hotels all through southern Ohio. . . . Now with Nate Bartell, the Cincinnati heavyweight, in a grand comeback, Promoter Becker may send the big Jewish star after some big time opposition . . . Nate against a top-notch heavyweight, will draw well in the Queen City. . . . Sam Weaver came up from New Orleans with Jimmy Perrin, for the latter's second match with Joe Marinelli at Dayton, O., on December 2nd. . . . It was a Jack Werst capital promotion. . . . On the same night Ezzard Charles goes to the bat against Charlie Jerome of Texas at Cincinnati on a Becker produced show. . . . E. E. Laning, Dallas manager, is preparing a mid-western tour for his welter ace, Joe Johnson. . . . Wrestling fans interested in keeping tab with the latest would do well to contact Marvin Hayhome, Box 1231, Sheridan, Wyoming, who is putting out a neat sheet, which has up to date news and also features the international wrestling ratings.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

ROCHESTER boxing fans will see their first pro boxing show soon. Jim Collins, the matchmaker, has booked Mike Raffa vs. Henry Smith and Johnny Flynn vs. Big Jim Thompson in eight-round bouts. The fans are hungry for good pro bouts here and they'll turn out for good shows.

Julie Bauman opened his wrestling season with a bang. Julie gave the fans a great show and drew a good house.

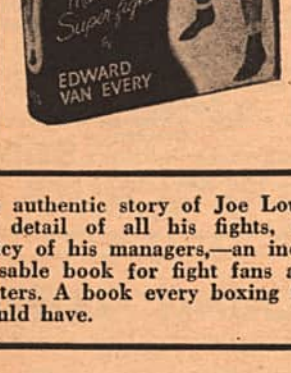
Following are the results of the better amateur bouts during the month: Joe Carter, 165, Albany, knocked out Claude Hale, Buffalo, in third round; Tony De Carlo, 147, Rochester, won by T.K.O. over Junior Woods, Buffalo, in fourth; Nick Ortalano, 135, Rome, won decision over Koby Paul, Rochester, five rounds; Elverse Townel, 147, Rochester, won over Lucky Loucks, Rome, in five; Jimmy Lee, 175, Rochester, won decision over Jim Allen, Rochester, in three; Frankie Click, 147, Mt. Morris, knocked out Eddie Jackson, Rochester, in second; Henry Pratt, 118, Pittsburgh, won decision over Ralph Costa, Meadeville, Pa., in five; Ralph Butcher, 175, Meadeville, won decision over Al Turner, Pittsburgh, in five; Bob Ingraham, 150, Hilton, won decision over Billy Lewis, Meadeville, in five; Don Dixon, 126, Pittsburgh, won decision over Sam Atta, Rochester, in five; Frankie Click, 147, Mt. Morris, won by T.K.O. over Jack Labue, Rochester, in three; Tom Mordenga, 126, knocked out Sam Coco, in two; Sam Russo, 126, Rochester, won by technical knockout over Pete Latragna, Watkins Glen, in two.

Calling all amateur boxers in western New York. Rochester is planning on running a Golden Glove tournament and the winners will compete in the New York Golden Gloves in New York City at Madison Square Garden. This tournament will be run by the local papers. For more information, write the writer at 47 Cleveland St., and please send self-stamped envelope.

Jerry Spalma, a good-looking 147-pound amateur boxer, just had his hand out of a cast. Jerry broke his hand in his last fight.

Tony De Carlo kayoed Kid Junior in the fourth round. Tony gave Woods a good going over and the referee stopped the bout in the fourth after De Carlo knocked Woods down three times in that round. Tony looked better than ever, in fact better than any fight he has fought at Elks' Club amateur shows.

A LITTLE FOR ALL . . . . Jackie Bullock, the Hobart Kid, has been admitted to the bar and is a practicing attorney in Shortsville, N. Y. . . . Al Fields and Henry Smith are landlords now. They run a rooming house and are doing very well. . . . Billy Speary, the Nanticoke Kid, who outpointed Champion Harry Jeffra, would like to show in Rochester. . . . Sergt. Sammy Leta, former amateur 160-pound champ, joined the benedicts Thanksgiving day. . . . Johnny Walker, city heavyweight champion, is in training again. . . . Eddie O'Leary, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Freddie Lewis, Nanticoke, Pa., both popular as amateurs here, may be back in pro fights soon. . . . Nello Nucelli pens a note from Fort Dix, N. J., that he has been transferred to the engineering division. . . . Jay Widener is a good looking prospect.



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CONNECTICUT NEWS
By DON HAMILL

THE HOLY NAME A.C. at Columbus Hall, Stamford, Conn., staged a splendid show, starring Frankie Terranova, lightweight, and Sammy Mammone in a ten-round bout. The fight was an interesting one in which Terranova was the more aggressive, but Mammone's boxing ability enabled him to cop the nod.

The semi-final of eight rounds came to an end in the third round when Davey Cohen, New York, lightweight, inflicted a deep gash over his rival's eye, Joe De Jesus, and the bout was halted.

Frankie Velez, New York, welterweight, gained a decision over Eddie Suggs, in a six-rounder.

In a rematch, Young Eatman, light-heavyweight, triumphed via the technical knockout route in the second round over Billy Taylor. A severe cut over the eye brought the halt to the hostilities.

Waterbury, Conn.—Francesco Montanari, welterweight, smashed out a decisive victory over Oscar Suggs, in eight rounds. In the semi-final, Jimmy Bell, Negro welterweight, sent his opponent, Red Doty, crumpling down to the canvas with lethal blows to the chin to score a three-round knockout in eight rounds.

Billy Conklin, middleweight, was awarded a decision over Maxie Katz in six.

Dom Fiantini had matters all his own way to gain a technical knockout over Andre Sarilla when the referee, Bill Taylor, intervened.

Ohio Gianelli, Waterbury heavyweight, defeated Chic Tathbun in the second round by a technical knockout of a four-rounder.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

JACK HERMAN'S international wrestling tournament is arousing plenty of interest and enthusiasm not only here in Buffalo but all over the grapple world. Herman had Ivan Rasputin, the bearded villain, in with Elmer the Great, and the Russian won the bout after a hard tussle. . . . Now, before these lines appear in print, the Buffalo favorite, Ed (Don) George, will have had it out with Rasputin and a win for George will put him pretty close to the top.

Herman has strings out to bring all the leading rasslers here. The local maestro informs this column that Madison Square Garden will again introduce the grunt and groan brigade and the big Gotham arena is looking forward to a brisk pickup in the mat business.

Incidentally any outstanding heavyweight wrestler who wishes to take part in the tournament here is welcome. Write Jack Herman, Great Lakes A.C., 41 Erie St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Promoter Herman is no longer affiliated with the Buffalo Sporting Club. Jack has pulled away from the Cohen brothers to form his own organization, the Great Lakes Club. As a matter of fact Herman never needed the assistance of anyone. He is one of the outstanding sports promoters in the country and his legion of friends wish him plenty of luck in his new venture.

The inaugural boxing show presented by Charlie Murray at the new Memorial Auditorium offered local fandom a chance to see Fritzie Zivic, welterweight champion, in action. Zivic proved himself a polished fighter with a good, snappy punch. The champ disposed of his opponent, Frenchy Beaudin of Montreal, in three rounds and never had to extend himself. Beaudin had fought some pretty fair fights around here but he wasn't in a class with Zivic. Buffalo would like to see the Pittsburgh lad back again but wants him pitted against stronger opposition.

Matchmaker Murray ran into a bit of bad luck when his Billy Conn-Clarence Jones 15-round match was called off. Murray had the light-heavies booked for December 9th and was cooperating with the Junior League, Buffalo socialite organization. The show looked like a winner and Murray certainly is overdue to get something of a decent break. The Queensberry Club matchmaker hasn't had many winning shows in the past five years but never stops trying.

The Queensberry Club hopes to bring on Henry Armstrong, Lew Jenkins and other topnotchers before the indoor season is over. The local situation is particularly bad because of the scarcity of satisfactory preliminary boys. This city is one of the best boxing centers in the country when the talent is around. Good boxers of all weights who can win fights, especially punchers, should write Hugh Shannon, 144 Wallace Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. Boxers should be free of contracts and managerial tieups.

POT-POURRI—Eddie Mead is showing Jackie Donovan around the country and may pit the Irish kid against some outstanding middleweight at Memorial Auditorium here. . . . Billy Kelly, sports editor of the Courier-Express, was again the prime mover in the Courier-Express Golden Gloves boxing tournament, which was a huge success. . . . Billy Michael has not given up hopes of developing new fistic talent. . . . The Old Professor had several simon-pures in the Courier-Express tourney. . . . Bert Finch doesn't get the breaks he should. . . . Finch is one of the pioneers of boxing and is deserving of cooperation from local and out-of-town promoters. . . . Jack Singer's big gym was used by the amateurs as they prepared for the Courier's gala fistic show. . . . Singer is hunting good pro boxers but there are few of them to be had. . . . Don Eddy, Niagara Falls youngster, gets a chance at Sammy Angott at Miami, Fla. . . . They are matched to meet in a few weeks in the Southern city. . . . Lou Scozza, former light-heavyweight title aspirant, is the new Buffalo referee. . . . Lou received his appointment from the State Athletic Commission last week. . . . The Scozza appointment was a popular one. He was a square fighter always and will be a splendid ring official.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

LOU SALICA and Small Montana were the principals in a "Toronto tragedy." Lou was defending his portion of the world bantam title against Montana in the feature bout and Manager Hymie Caplin, tipped off that Montana had been favoring his left side in training, instructed Salica to throw right hands to the body. The first one he landed, made Montana wince badly. The next one floored him, and then the challenger went into the elevator act, hitting the deck no less than ten times by the time the referee stopped it in the third heat. While on his feet Montana outboxed Salica, making him miss badly. A crowd of 6,000 attended. The Ontario Commission ordered purses of both fighters held up pending an investigation. X-ray examinations revealed there was no break or signs of former breaks but the commission doctor said he thought there was a torn muscle in the ribs. If anything was wrong with Montana's ribs, it is wondered why he was passed in the pre-fight check-up. The fighters' purses cannot be very well held up. Montana was not in proper condition, as this would be the commission's fault for passing him.

Harry Hurst, Montreal's larruping lightweight, scored his 17th straight win in an unbeaten career when he took Mickey LaMarr, New York,. over the hurdles in the eight-round semi-final. Hurst hit him with everything but the ring post but couldn't stop his shifty rival within the route. A few days previously, Hurst had stopped Bill Bullock in seven rounds at Washington. In the prelims, Scotty Ramage stopped Paul Harvey in four, Sonny Brentz decisioned Angelo Callura in six and Max Scott outpunched Nat Kadin in six.

STRAY SHOTS. . . . Boxing dormant in Montreal . . . . not a single show in November . . . . none likely until after holidays . . . probably around end of January . . . . Armand Vincent may be back promoting . . . . he's the man needed here . . . . rumored he would like to put on a Dave Castilloux-Sammy Angott battle . . . . that's the kind of matches Montrealers want . . . . and the kind Vincent goes for . . . Castilloux may get his shot at world title soon . . . . Eddie Quinn, mat impresario, still has urge to dabble in boxing promotions . . . . a good suggestion would be a team-up of Vincent and Quinn . . . . anyhow we hope 1941 rings in a better ring era . . . . Chairman Dave Rochon of the Boxing Board will be candidate for mayor . . . a new commission will be chosen shortly . . . amateur boxing had considerable shake-up in "upper circles" and quite a few niceties are coming to light . . . . Oliver Shank, lethal punching heavyweight, and Al Shank, retired middleweight star, were joined by another brother. . . . year-old Wilfred . . . . Wilfie, a clean-cut youngster, has the urge to follow his brothers' footsteps in the ring and will compete in the amateur ranks after the holidays . . . . he looks like a fine prospect of the Billy Conn type and a dynamite sharpshooter to boot.

To Our Readers

The RING Editor is extremely grateful to the many readers from all parts of the world who have been sending him the latest stamps from their country for The RING Collection. Such contributions are deeply appreciated.

I hope many more of our readers will join those who have been so thoughtful.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

THE Chicago Coliseum was the setting grounds for four special events, with Milt Aron headlining the featured ten-rounder in a repeater opposite Steve Mamakos. Their first combat ended in a draw, but this time Steve won by the proverbial mile. Milt connected time and again with his sharp, pistonlike right hands to the chin, but to Milt's chagrin, this only made Steve more infuriated, with the result the Washington, D. C., Greek waded in and administered a terrific facial bombardment that brought deep gashes over each of Aron's optics.

Nick Castiglione, nineteen-year-old protege of amicable Jess Darcy, advanced himself to a position as a threat to Champion Lew Jenkins, when Nickie gained the unanimous award over the sterling Philadelphian, Jimmy Tygh, who in previous contests beat both Leo Rodak and Billy Marquart. Castiglione's winning attack was due to his lightninglike "one-two" specialty that kept Tygh in retreat. When Tygh elected to slug, Nickie was more than willing.

In a third ten-rounder, powerfully built Lem Franklin, hailing from Cleveland, Ohio, socked the notable Eddie Blunt of New York City into oblivion in the fifth stanza. Right at the outset it appeared as though Blunt wouldn't last through the first canto. But he did. His ring generalship pulled him through from three knockdowns and a couple of more from Lem's bombastic right-hand clouts underneath the heart. I doubt very much about a "white hope" relieving Champion Joe Louis of his world's heavyweight laurels, but I do know that a bronze-skinned heavy, Lem Franklin, has an even chance to wrest that crown from Joe. Lem has the heart, punch and thrives under a punishing blow.

In the fourth tenner, Billy Marquart received a soft touch in Johnny Buckley's lightie, Pat Foley, Eastern club fighter, who went out via a left-hook in but two minutes of the initial round.

Several of Chicago's ring notables fought this month—but not here in town. They were "One Ton" Tony Musto; the most scientific lightweight in the business today, Leo Rodak; the 153-pound Johnny Barbara, and the stout-hearted Polish 135-pounder, Pete Lello, among others.

The gallant Tony Musto, who has met several good fighters, was defeated by the Chilean, Arturo Godoy, over the ten-round route in the main bout of a Christmas fund show held at Cleveland, Ohio.

Pete Lello, Gary's pride and joy, fumbled in his attempt to dislodge the captaincy of the lightweight division from his previous victim, Lew Jenkins.

Leo Rodak, now a full-fledged lightweight, beat Maxie Shapiro, classy Jewish lightie from New York City, at the Broadway Arena in Gotham—eight rounds.

Johnny Barbara, two-time winner over welterweight champion Fritzie Zivic, lost a hard-fought encounter to Ossie Harris in a ten-rounder at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Promoter Earl McClure will present professional boxing shows at the Civic Auditorium in Hammond, Indiana, semi-monthly. Out-of-town fighters should contact Gene Engel for fights here.

Grant Pool, a former maintenance man up at Trafton's Gym in the days when James Mullen and Dave Barry were proprietors, died of a heart attack at Uncle Sam's Hines Hospital.

Al Nettlow, who was a former Golden Gloves featherweight champion and fought as a professional for the Catholic Youth Organization of Chicago, has for the past two years engaged in boxing matches under the eagle management of Al Weill, manager of champions, and is doing well.

I almost forgot to mention a champion who fights out of Chicago and Gary, Ind., who found work elsewhere. He is none other than the hard-socking Pole, Tony Zale, who, in a non-titular N. B. A. match, beat Fred Apostoli in a ten-round feature at Seattle, Wash., under Promoter Nate Druxman's guidance.

Selman Martin, who is trained by Memphis Red, fooled all the wise birds when he defeated the nimble-footed Paul Hartnek in Omaha, Nebr., in an eight-rounder on the Vinciquerra-Cooper fight card. Vinciquerra won his bout.

Nate Bolden, bronze middleweight from Chicago's South Side, made short work of the supposedly rugged Henry Chmielewski, who was chilled inside of four rounds. Henry was down twice prior to the final count.

In the semi-windup, Harvey Dubbs, Windsor, Ont., lightweight, stopped Pete Ferrand, stablemate of Tony Zale, in the second round. Dubbs dropped the Mexican four times before the curtailment of the match.

The preliminaries revealed Sammy Secreet, Pittsburgh, Pa., middleweight, winner over Milt Kell of Milwaukee, Wis.; Matt Miholovitch, Milwaukee, triumphant over Art Ehrlich, formerly known as Kelly Kohn, a Peoria, Ill., lightweight, and Eu Eulian, scored a sensational knockout over Joe Dupont, in two frames.

In another weekly boxing show, Billy Gillespie of Stone Lake, Wis., stopped Mickey Hayes of the "Brewery City," Milwaukee, in seven rounds.

Floyd Hagen, St. Paul youngster, knocked out Harvey Dubbs of Windsor, Ontario, in the second round.

In the other bouts, Frank (Marigold) Green, who one week fights in a preliminary match and in his next appearance at the same club, the Marigold Gardens, fights in a featured bout, knocked out Ed Stanley from Danville, Ill., in the first round, and Orlando Trotter, Southside heavyweight, surprised everyone, including his opponent, Clarence Brown, when Orlando walked off with a well-deserved win. This bout was also scheduled for eight cantos.

HERE AND THERE: The quietest man around Trafton's gym and who was a former pug, is Victor McGee, who is a capable commercial artist, and works for a reputable concern on the floor below the gymnasium. . . . Davey Day, one-time ranking lightweight contender, is still on the sidelines, waiting for some work. . . . Harvey Dubbs, lightweight from Windsor, Ont., redeemed himself, when he put the crusher on Johnny Pleasant for a six-round technical knockout. . . . Frank Green, heavyweight, scored an upset victory over Billy Gillespie, who in a previous match at the same distance, beat him in eight rounds. In still another eighter, Eu Eulien, rangy Chicago 138-pounder, was awarded a decision over Floyd (K.O.) Hagen of St. Paul, Minn. Also this month, Nick Castiglione beat Maurice Arnault in Cleveland.

In the four-rounders, Sammy Secreet pounded out a hard-earned victory over Stanley Murcyzek and Art Ehrlich, Peoria junior lightweight, beat Andy Canal.

Don't forget to have your notes in not later than the first of the month in care of Gene Engel, 180 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois.

WISCONSIN NEWS
By MATT DOUGHERTY

THE boxing spotlight focused on upstate promotions this month as Milwaukee's club remained inactive. Beer City's suspension of their monthly offering disappointed a large number of fans who had been keyed to fighting pitch by Tony Martin's recent conquests.

At Neenah, Phil Zwick, the globe-trotting Kaukauna featherweight, scored an impressive knockout over Billy Miller, Chicago Negro. Miller, who had beaten Frankie Gaudes, had little chance against the more experienced, smooth working Zwick, and succumbed to well directed body punishment in the second round.

Indian Billy Lee regained some of his old form by knocking out Johnny Williams of Chicago in the fifth. Lee's hefty left and right hooks did the trick. In the hottest bout on the card, Johnny Roszina suffered a cut eye and lost by a technical knockout in the fourth to Johnny Rhodes, Chicago. Roszina had a slight edge in the furious mixing up to that point.

Speedy Schaefer beat Hank Thorson and Hokey Lamers defeated Harry Brooks in four rounders.

Dave Quinn opened the season at Eau Claire with one of the finest cards ever seen in upstate circles. Dick Demaray battered out a decisive win over Mansfield Driskell, Michigan's welterweight champion, in 10 rounds of torrid action. After an even first two rounds, the crouching Demaray forged into the lead, flooring the Detroit Mexican in the fourth and sixth rounds.

In the semi, Ray Isaacs found his match in Rusty Gramling, Bismark lightweight. Isaacs jumped into an early lead, only to have Gramling rally in the later rounds to merit a draw.

Don Swenson continued his downward slide in losing to Ralph Leslie in six. Ted Morrison punched out a close decision over Forey Wampler in four, and Kenny Alf beat Bud Burkhardt in the opener.

FROM THE PRESS ROW: Dick Demaray's win over Driskell is highly regarded by upstate writers because of Driskell's close fight with Champion Fritzie Zivic. . . . Local promoters were put on the spot by Tony Martin's acceptance of a Garden bout ten days prior to the New Year's Day show here. If Tony loses or is cut, the local club has to whistle for a windup. . . . At Chicago, Frank Greene beat Billy Gillespie, Garl Ogren's heavyweight protege, who is back after a layoff. Milt Skel lost to Sammy Secreet in four. Matt Mihalovich got up off the floor to batter Kelly Kohn for a four-round decision. . . . Windy City promoters got wind of the feud between Hayes and Gillespie, local heavies, and featured them in the top spot at Marigold. Gillespie won by a T.K.O. in the sixth when Hayes suffered a cuteye. Up to that point the match had been a brawl, and pick your own winner. The Mick is out for a rematch. . . . Charlie Busalacchi suffered his first setback of the season when he met Jimmy O'Malley, Jimmy Pierce's former nemesis, at West Allis. The bout was stopped in the fourth round.

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IN AND AROUND SAN FRANCISCO

By SHERIDAN BROWN

RUSH DALMA, a native of the Philippines, grabbed himself a nice hunk of national prestige by whipping Georgie Pace, Cleveland's top-flight colored bantamweight, in a ten-round main event at the Oakland Municipal Auditorium. Undefeated since he came to California about eight months ago, Dalma shut Pace's left eye in the early action, outboxed him in six of the ten rounds and traded blow for blow with his favored opponent in a bristling stretch battle to clearly deserve Referee Toby Irwin's decision.

Flash Sebastian, muffin-faced Filipino welterweight, unloaded his heavy artillery on the luckless person of Al Carlisle, young Fresno Indian, who was counted out in the third round after being down four times. Sebastian is a matured, capable mittman with a terrific wallop and rates better opposition than inexperienced youngsters such as Carlisle.

Pat Valentino bounced back from the Harold Blackshear reverse to upset Buddy Knox, reputable Dayton, O., heavyweight, in a ten-round brawl at the Civic Auditorium, and as a result, Pat is probably marked for future reference by Michael Strauss Jacobs of Gotham. The powerful pisano from this city's Excelsior District was a 2 to 1 underdog against the experienced redhead but he put together a fifth-round knockdown and a last inning rally to merit Frankie Carter's decision. Knox bothered Pat continually with a pounding left jab and had Valentino bleeding from an eye wound as early as the first round but as the bout settled into a bruising grind, the local kid's superior punching powers gave him the upper hand.

Joe Marinelli, talented featherweight traveling companion to Knox, stabbed out a well-executed win over Danny LaVerne, shifty local youngster, in their companion feature of ten rounds.

Black Joe, who is a comparatively young Filipino, was a four-star fizzle in his Bay Area debut at Oakland's Municipal Auditorium. The Filipino was punched full of holes by Tony Olivera, San Francisco's Portuguese contender for the bantamweight title, and their argument was stopped by Referee Jimmy Duffy in the seventh of ten scheduled rounds. Joe was dropped in the sixth with a right to the jaw and immediately tried to throw in his own towel, but Duffy refused to allow the surrender. He came up for the seventh, but his efforts were of such a feeble nature that the uneven thing was called off midway in the round.

Another Filipino debutante, welterweight Flash Sebastian, proved a violent success in his first local outing. He paralyzed Paulie Peters, Ohio youngster, with a terrific left hook in one minute of the first round.

Northern California can lay claim to a good percentage of the best little fighting men in the world, and paradoxically, northern California probably appreciates them less than any other territory would. America's two finest flyweights, Little Dado and Little Pancho, do practically all of their boxing in this area. Jackie Jurich of San Jose, ranked as a flyweight, recently whipped Johnny Juliano, a top-notch bantamweight. Tony Olivera, whose home is in San Francisco, holds a decision over Lou Salica, generally recognized as the bantamweight champion. "Chick" Delaney, Oakland 120-pounder, is perhaps the hardest-hitting little man in captivity. Latest to come to the fore is Rush Dalma, recent Filipino importation, with his sparkling win over Georgie Pace. But this section has always been apathetic toward the little fellows and no one waxes very enthusiastic over northern California's monopoly on the midgets of maul.

RESIN DUST—Fred Apostoli's Seattle setback at the heavy hands of Tony Zale added one more good reason why the ex-bellhop should cash in his boxing chips. At last reports, Freddie is beginning to see the light and may officially announce his retirement before this makes the newsstands . . . . Jack Dempsey was the third man for a Coliseum Bowl wrestling match during the month past . . . . "Sheik" Rangel, Fresno's number one fighting man during Young Corbett III's retirement spells, fought a lusty draw with Joe Ybarra, rockribbed Mexican welterweight from El Cerrito. Later in the month, Rangel registered a victory over Tabby Romero, a mean puncher from Arizona . . . . Ken Lindsay, one-time Pacific Coast Golden Gloves champion, startled a Watsonville crowd by holding Little Dado, Filipino flyweight bigwig, to a ten-round draw. Lindsay also whipped Elwood Romero in six rounds at Redding . . . . Colored lightweight Cecil Hudson dusted off battle-scarred Claude Varner of Bakersfield in two innings at San Jose . . . . George Latka's homecoming appearance against Sammy Angott at the Civic Auditorium left a good-sized assembly skeptical of the Little Professor's publicized improvement since he was fighting for pin money hereabouts. Angott looked to be no more than a tough boy without any appreciable boxing skill or punching power and Latka came off with a draw . . . . Lou Nova is signed for a New York bout with Pat Comiskey. The Alameda Adonis looked terrible against ancient John Erjavec at the Oakland Auditorium recently, which was probably due to the fact that Lou hadn't been to the post since his loss to Galento . . . . The San Francisco *Examiner's* great annual Golden Gloves show, a two-week carnival of clout, is in full swing as this is mailed. Winners will clash with Los Angeles and Seattle titlists for Pacific Coast honors later in the month. Eddie Muller, the *Examiner's* boxing man, does a great job every year with this finest of amateur boxing tournaments . . . . Write me at 1966 California Street, San Francisco.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS AND VIEWS

By T. W. McNIEL

AT Boise, Idaho: Colorado's welterweight king, Bud McCrea, ran into a Tartar when he collided with Al Borros, Idaho walloper, and suffered one of the very few kayoes of his long career. McCrea was flattened in the seventh round after having absorbed quite a shellacking in the preceding rounds.

The month of November saw the glove game in Colorado strike a new low. So far as I am able to ascertain, not a single pro card was offered in the entire state. How long that will continue I don't pretend to know.

At Boise, Idaho: Irate fight fans almost staged a riot when Billy Pryor, Pueblo, Colo., middleweight, was awarded a ten-round decision over R. J. Lewis of Denver in a hotly-waged battle. Lewis was floored in the sixth round, while Pryor explored the canvas in the seventh. The general consensus was that Lewis won the battle going away.

J. K., Steamboat Springs, Colo.: Jess Willard defended his heavyweight title only twice in the four years he held it. We won a ten-round go from Frank Moran and was belted out by Jack Dempsey in three heats.

Colorado's favorite son, Jack Dempsey, stopped off in Denver long enough to officiate in the Everette Marshall-Stanislaus Talun grappling bout. After a hectic match, Marshall was awarded the decision on a foul.

What with the fight game having petered out in Colorado, we find practically all the local pugilistic colony having moved to more fertile fields. Billy Pryor, R. J. Lewis and Bud McCrea are all campaigning up in Idaho, while stars like Larry Cisneros, Long John Petrey, Vincent Arrigo and Dale Sparr are on the California circuit.

Frankie "Cyclone" Lynch, Colorado heavyweight king, is wondering whether the ownership of a state title is an asset or a liability. Since winning the crown well over a year ago, the burly Aguilar walloper hasn't been able to entice a single regional heavyweight into the ring with him.

Big Bill Ely, a very promising Pueblo heavyweight prospect, has about decided to forego a whirl in the professional ranks since the game has gone to pot in these parts. Instead Ely is fingering a grand opportunity to attend a New Mexico college where his football ability will stand him in good stead.

REMEMBER WHEN . . . Denver's Stockyards Stadium was one of the best known fight arenas in the Nation? . . . . When all the top-notchers like Fred Fulton, Sam Langford, Harry Wills, Tom Gibbons, Willie Meehan and Harry Greb all showed their fistic wares in the "Mile-High" city? . . . . When Freddy Welsh beat Charley White in a 20-rounder at Colorado Springs in a world's lightweight title affair? . . . . When Pueblo almost landed the Jess Willard-Jack Dempsey heavyweight title scrap? . . . . When Damon Runyon was a hustling sports writer on the *Denver Post*? . . . . When James J. Jeffries turned down an offer of 50,000 smackers to defend his heavyweight title in a 20-round go with Mexican Pete Everett in Denver? . . . . When such pugs as Andy Malloy, Johnny Sudenberg, Jack Downey and George Copelin were giving Jack Dempsey the fights of his life in regional rings? . . . . When Eddie Eagan was the most talked-of amateur boxer in the business? . . . . When Stanley "Soakum" Yoakum was running Joe Grimm a neck-and-neck race for pugdom's "iron-man" honors? . . . . When George Manley looked like a lead-pipe cinch to win a world's boxing title? . . . . When Otto Floto was the leading sports writer in the nation? . . . . When Mike Malone won a 20-round decision over Rudie Unholz despite a broken arm suffered in the 11th round? . . . . When Allan Eustace defeated Jack Johnson in a wrestler-boxer mixed bout in Denver?

Remember, the writer will be more than glad to answer any questions relative to the fight game in this section of the country. But please enclose reply postage. Address all mail to: T. W. McNiel, P.O. Box 126, Blanca, Colorado.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

MOORHEAD, IA.—Results of the recent boxing card staged here were as follows: L. Campbell, Moorhead, knocked out Thompson, Missouri Valley; B. Hosman, Moorhead, knocked out Chambers, Missouri Valley; E. Bradburn, Moorhead, knocked out Maaske, Missouri Valley; D. Malone, Moorhead, knocked out Hansen, Missouri Valley; P. Wever, Moorhead, knocked out Roch, Missouri Valley; Roy Inlay, Moorhead coach, knocked out Hyde, Missouri Valley; Reaves, Moorhead, won a decision over O'Hara, Missouri Valley; Craft, Missouri Valley, knocked out R. Jones, Moorhead.

The state of South Dakota, which has been on the short end of this spot, is making every effort to produce some worthwhile boxing talent. Several amateur boxing cards are being held throughout the state. One of the largest amateur cards ever staged in South Dakota took place at Mitchell recently with the following results:

112 pounds—Donald Maher, 112, Salem, decisioned Earl Bailey, 95, Farmer; 118 pounds—Dural Hodge, 119, Yankton, knocked out Bill Alvey, 119, Salem, in 1:08 of the third round; 126 pounds—Howard Langhauser, 127, Alcester, knocked out Lloyd Russell, 124, Alcester, in 1:07 of the first round; 135 pounds—Bert Williams, 129, Madison, decisioned Virgil Grace, 134½, Yankton; 147 pounds—Melvin Hagerman, 145½, Winifred, decisioned Larry His Law, 145, Fort Thompson; 160 pounds—Joseph Brewer, 159½, Yankton, decisioned Robert Walsh, 149, Alcester; 175 pounds—Ray Ghering, 169, Olivet, decisioned Leonard Weiss, 163, Parkston; heavyweight—Eugene White, unopposed.

Sioux City, Ia.—Wrestling has returned here for the winter months under the direction of Adam Krieger. In the main event of the most recent card, two falls with a 90-minute time limit, Joe Dusek, 228, of Omaha, felt the righteous wrath of blond Walter Podolak, 220, of New York City, but defeated his man after losing the second fall. Dusek won the first fall in 23 minutes, 15 seconds, but lost the second in 10 minutes, 32 seconds.

In another wrestling card that carried plenty of action, Bronko Nagurski scored over Joe Dusek of Omaha, two out of three falls.

Cherokee, Ia.—Furious fighting thrilled a large crowd of boxing fans who packed the city armory for the finals in the Cherokee Golden Gloves sectional mitt tournament. Results:

126 pounds—G. Bureta, Peterson, won by technical knockout over Earl Jepson, Cherokee C. C. C., second round; 135 pounds—Wayne Schmidt, Holstein, won by technical knockout over Robert Tiffany, Cherokee, first round; Fred Faries, Cherokee C. C. C., decisioned Donald Ford, Cherokee; 147 pounds—Wilbur Lundt, Ida Grove, decisioned E. Mitchell, Cherokee C. C. C.; 160 pounds—Lloyd Martin, Cherokee, decisioned Cecil Akins, Cherokee; Roy Byer, Holstein, knocked out Ed Simms, Alta, second round; 175 pounds—Lynn Johnson, Linn Grove, won by technical knockout over Clifton Bunton, Cherokee, second round; heavyweight—Verdean Goettsch, Holstein, decisioned Delbert Kohn, Quimby.

Cherokee, Ia.—Results of another amateur boxing card which drew a large crowd of fans were as follows:

126 pounds—Earl Jepson of Cherokee decisioned Charles Bureta of Peterson, George Bureta of Peterson knocked out Harry Harding of Cherokee in the first, George Bureta of Peterson won a technical knockout decision over Lyle Schlef of Cherokee in the first; 135 pounds—Wayne Schmidt of Holstein decisioned Floyd Latta of Storm Lake; 147 pounds—Mike Bush of Cleghorn decisioned Gus Whede of Holstein, Wilbur Lundt of Ida Grove knocked out R. Mitchell of Storm Lake in the first, E. Mitchell of Cherokee decisioned Mike Bush of Cleghorn; 160 pounds—Cecil Akins of Cherokee decisioned Harold Musselman of Holstein, Roy Byer of Holstein knocked out Cecil Delbridge of Alta in the first; 175 pounds—Lynn Johnson of Linn Grove decisioned Leslie Bauer of Holstein; heavyweight—Verdean Goettsch of Holstein knocked out Kerwood Dungan of Quimby in the first.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS—The writer wishes to take time out and thank his many readers for their help in getting these notes out every month . . . . Ray Mann, Sioux City middleweight, has a brother and a nephew who are entering the amateur ranks . . . . Andy Miller, Sioux City heavyweight, also has a brother entering the ranks . . . . George Ades, Hollywood: Glad to hear from you and good wishes for the coming New Year . . . . John Noel, Ozone Park, N. Y.: Will see what I can do for you . . . . James Humphries of Detroit is interested in showing his stable of leather pushers in this section . . . . Rev. Ira B. Allen, pastor of the Wall Street mission, is training amateur boxers . . . . Rev. Mr. Allen is a former Golden Gloves boxer, and also held boxing and wrestling titles at Ohio State University . . . . Mr. Hanson of Lake Park, Ia., is doing a great deal to help the fistic sport around that section . . . . Did you know that Jerry Adam, who is wrestling around the Middle West, is assistant trainer of the football squad at the University of Nebraska?

A group of fellows who are doing a great deal to help the fistic sport at Mitchell, So. Dak., are Harry Broadbent, president of the junior Chamber of Commerce; Pete Peterson; Gordon Falkenberg, Navy recruiting official; Harry Fuller; Harold Ricketts, and State Athletic Commissioner Ralph Maltby . . . . Joe Swartz, who is well known in this section, reports that he has a great prospect in Pal Silver, a lightweight . . . . Jimmy Murphy of Omaha has gone in for training amateurs . . . . Murphy has such boys as Vic Thomsen, Clint Weissenbach, Charles Van Fleet and Jimmy Sherron . . . . F. D. L., St. Paul, Minn.: Thanks for your letter. Stewart McLean knocked out Earl McArthur in seven rounds on July 27, 1922, at Sioux City, Ia. Yes, there was a fighter by the name of Lew Dempsey . . . . M. F. L., Minneapolis, Minn.: My records show that "Dago" Joe Gans beat Joe Hosch in six rounds at Minneapolis on April 28, 1922 . . . . M. D., St. Paul, Minn.: Eugene Volaire was a French lightweight who fought around Australia and Manila. He also fought on the West Coast. This was back in 1923. I have no idea where he is today. One of his bouts on the Coast was with Benny Vierra . . . . E. H., Sioux Falls, S. D.: Thanks. You win the bet. Mike Gibbons and Bob McAllister met in New York, January 12, 1914. Gibbons won by a kayo in seven rounds . . . . F. L. S., Wichita, Kans.: If I am wrong on that record, I will pay your bet. My record files are as complete as possible to make them, and my records show that Harvey Thorpe and "Cowboy" Padgett went to a 10-round draw at Wichita, Kans. The date I give you is right . . . . Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia. . . . . William "Irish" Davis, heavyweight, and Dural Hodge, flyweight, members of the South Dakota National Guard, are at Camp Ord in California. . . . Davis hails from Alcester, S. D., and Hodge from Farmer, S. D.

NORTHERN ONTARIO

By BUCK KYLE

TIMMINS—Promoter Bob Crosby, following the North's policy of featuring both boxing and wrestling, had Dynamite Joe Cox and Irish Jerry Monahan in his wrestling final and only the great size of the 250-pound Monahan prevented him from being completely annihilated by the irate fans after he had been disqualified in his main bout with Cox. Cox, however, won on two straight falls.

The "Lone Wolf," hooded terror, used everything known to modern wrestling, with a few of his underhanded specialties, to cop a one-fall bout over Sandy O'Donnell, 230-pound Irish wrestler, winning with a series of elbow smashes and a bodyspread in 27:13.

In the main boxing event, Len Wadsworth, middleweight champion of Canada, spotted husky Jack Tebo, former Westerner, now of Sudbury, 25 pounds in a non-title clash and only Tebo's splendid physique and ring knowledge saved him as the champ won easily in ten rounds. Pete Jenkins decisioned Maurice Lavigne in four rounds, and Steve Belinki scored over Jimmie Fowler in a slugfest opener.

Sudbury—Making his final appearance, "Dooly" Boivin, greatest fighter ever produced in northern Ontario, with two defeats in a career of over 100 bouts, scored a clean-cut decision over the former undefeated Cliff Beckett of Levack. The bout was full of action and a record crowd attended the show promoted by "Buck" Kyle, INCO Club matchmaker. Irish Joe Murphy, Nickel District middleweight champion, was dethroned when he lost on a T.K.O. to Herb Beckett of Levack.

Soo—Harden Palmer, Michigan state welter champ, was outspeeded and outboxed by Cliff Beckett on Promoter "Tupper" Toombs' main bout at Soo and thus dropped his third bout in forty odd contests. Herb Beckett, middleweight champ of the Nickel Belt, lost on a T.K.O. to "Coastguard" Anderson through a cut eye in the fifth. Lou Pezet, undefeated Michigan State G. G. (Novice) champion, copped over "Pit" Dubois, rugged INCO Club fighter. Dave Quarrell, Soo, beat Wally Fouchs, Camp Brady, and Joe Bumbaco slugged his way to a win over Irish Ken Mahony, Camp Brady lightweight.

INCO Club, Sudbury—Cliff Beckett, blond flash from Levack, nearly dropped the duke to rugged, hard-hitting Billy Ketchell of Edmonton, Alta., in Promoter "Buck" Kyle's all-action card. Ketchell came back with a great rally in the last two rounds and one good punch would have put either boy out. "Pit" Dubois, Sudbury, stopped Micky Downing, Toronto, in the fourth when Downing, a little ahead on points, broke his thumb. Bert Cyr, Frood Mine, slugged his way to a decision over Stanley Delabbio, Sudbury. Vince McCoshen became the first holder of the Nickel District flyweight title when he scored a clean-cut decision over Stanley O'Hagen in the opener.

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IN MINNESOTA RINGS

By DARWIN GOMER

FISTIC GOSSIP—Bob Ehrich, known in amateur rings as Bob O'Hara, tells me he intends to quit boxing and is now working for Barton's Chemical Co. . . . . Bob's brother, Johnny, also an amateur middleweight, has been called in for conscription service . . . . Bob McQuillan, St. Paul welter, is now a butcher . . . . Floyd Hagen, dynamite-hitting St. Paul lightweight, once very promising, may make it a permanent retirement, for he's now working at the American Can Co. . . . . That leaves very few local boys to pick from . . . . Machinists' Hall is the new site of Gibbons' Gym amateur boxing. The move was made because of the intense interest shown in amateur boxing . . . . Johnny Kleber, former Melrose light-heavy, now a St. Cloud liquor store employee, is fighting amateur heavyweight after boxing a few pro bouts in Idaho. He beat Howard Rock, Chippewa Indian, in Bemidji . . . . Johnny Shock, Nashwauk simon-pure, will soon be boxing in the various Golden Gloves tournaments about the state, and the veteran should do O.K.

Lee Savold rated fifth best heavy by Eddie Borden in December RING . . . . Peter Felippi, Keewatin southpaw veteran welter, and Sam Stupar, former Golden Gloves light-heavy champ ('38) from Nashwauk, have turned pro in Tampa, Fla., under Malcolm Cosgrove, and are doing quite well. Felippi won his two starts, while Stupar won his first, then lost his second, due to a cut eye, to Jim Bowden . . . . Dick Carter, Kansas City RING scribe, is realizing his wish of becoming a matchmaker, and he and Promoter Gabe Kaufman have finally got a club for K. C.

At Fargo, N. D.—Bud Tibbetts, 143, Rosemount slugger, decisioned the veteran Rusty Gramling, 142, Bismarck, in six rounds on the Demaray-Hayes card. The sixer between Johnny Stevens, 172, St. Paul, and Pat O'Brien, 173, St. Paul, was called no-contest by Referee Spud Murphy in the first. Making his pro debut, Tom Shaughnessy, 147, St. Paul, and Johnny Monroe, 147, New Orleans Negro, fought four rounds to a draw. Eli Doberwich, 150, Fargo, knocked out a Pedro Lopez, 149, Dilworth, Minn., in the first of a four, who was apparently making an unsuccessful pro debut.

STRAY SHOTS—Eddie Horn of Chicago, a swell fellow, deserves a better deal than he's gotten from Oscar Rankins, now in California . . . . In whipping Cecile Lozada, tough Mexican middle, in Tampa, Art Lind, Alborn ace, beat a boy who has beaten Kenny La Salle, etc. . . . . With the apparent retirement of Tony Yates, Mill City welter, goes with him the state title . . . . Gordon Palmer, Mill City light-heavy, undefeated in his three pro fights, has volunteered his service for one year in the military draft scheme . . . . Within six blocks of the writer live the following fistic figures: Marv and Buzz Wason, Ray Pfeffer, Bob O'Hara, Jerry Kelly, Gene La Scotte, Billy Colbert, Kid Miller, Earl Blue, John Tworoski and Jerome Zarembinski and Harvey Woods . . . . Johnny Hanschen issues a challenge to Paul Hartnek to defend his state heavyweight title, any place or any time.

WITH THE AMATEURS—Herman Yates, brother of professional Tony, looks the part of a coming welterweight . . . . Bobby Marshall, lithe Negro light-heavy, has added a terrific punch to his fine boxing, and is looked upon as favorite to win the '41 Golden Gloves, then develop into a promising pro . . . . Amateur boxing is getting "hot" in the state . . . . Best prospects in the state now are Johnny Kleber, Ray Pfeffer, Tom Sperling and the already mentioned Pfeffer, who "fought" Jackie Simmons in Sioux City under the name of "Ray Penney" this summer, can really hit.

LEFT HOOKS—Earl Peterson, Appleton light-heavy, is working in Minneapolis now . . . . Emmett Weller, hard-hitting veteran St. Paul welter, is employed at Swift & Co. in South St. Paul . . . . Ray Isaacs, veteran Mill City lightie, is also working . . . . Art Lind, Alborn 160-pound threat, may soon be a sensation here.

Arturo Godoy's trip to Minnesota has been cancelled . . . . Murray McLean has a new young middleweight, Johnny Dragette of South St. Paul, by name. Dragette had five amateur bouts when friend Murray came along, and Murray now has Dragette acting as Marv Wason's sparmate, besides Marv giving out helpful pointers to young Dragette, whose next bout will be a pro one.

Duluth, Minn.—Billy Gillespie, 185, Hayward, Wis., scored a three-round T.K.O. over out-of-condition Jimmy Collins, 176, Minneapolis, due to a badly split lip which required three stitches. In sixes, Johnny Stevens, 185, St. Paul slugger, stopped mediocre Ted Fitzgerald, 185, St. Paul, in three. Tom Shaughnessy, 147, St. Paul, stopped a Stan Rayer, 145, Biwalik, in three, Rayer making his pro debut. Dave Nins, 140½, clever Duluth Negro, fought a draw with the veteran Ray Isaacs, 137, Minneapolis, while hard-hitting Floyd Hagen, 144, St. Paul, chilled Buddy Burkhardt, 142, Eau Claire, in the first.

ARKANSAS AND NEARBY FLASHES

By CLYDE SMITH

BLYTHEVILLE—Jack Mess, East St. Louis heavyweight, failed to appear when the South Side A.C. team of St. Louis came to Blytheville, so Jimmy Lunsford, big Blytheville puncher, was without an opponent. The visitors took three out of four. Billy Price of Blytheville scored the only win over the visitors by taking a three-round decision from Lou Abbott. Atlas James lost a decision to Billie Coleman. Frank Matheny was a K.O. victim at the hands of Johnnie Roach, taking the count in the third. Alfred Coonich lost a three-rounder to Miles James.

Blytheville—Jimmy Lunsford hit Robert Henry of De Soto, Mo., flush on the jaw in the second round for his 10th knockout. Red Lewis of De Soto kayoed Danny Wright, second round. Leroy Henderson won over Buford Nicholson of De Soto. Bud Knockey of De Soto won the decision from Jess Caulee in three-rounders.

Pine Bluff—Jack Hillhouse, ace Pine Bluff middleweight, scored a second-round knockout over Johnny Moreland, 155, of Corinth, Miss., in the feature event. Johnny Spears, 147, of Corinth, decisioned Dub Brassell, 146, Pine Bluff, in the semi-final. Results of the other matches follow: Billy Morrison, 145, Pine Bluff, defeated Clyde King, 150, by technical knockout in the first round. Gene Redmond, 172, knocked out Grady Howard, 162, in the third round. J. B. Miller, 132, scored a second round knockout over Ed Bragg, 132. Lyn Gilbert, 130, won a decision over Billy Pennington, 135.

The Arkansas Tech boxing team will again meet Loyola University of the South at New Orleans, La., scheduled Feb. 3. . . . Bob Sikes' proudest possession is the $500 gold belt emblematic of the Southern heavyweight championship. Sikes won the handsome trophy and the Dixie title by all but knocking out Neville "Tiger" Beech of Picayune, Miss. The belt was a contribution from Everett Pidgeon of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. . . . Henry Armstrong, recently deposed welterweight champion, arrived for a three-weeks' visit at Hot Springs. . . . Eddie Ketchel, one of the hardest-hitting featherweights ever to appear in the local ring, is making his first visit to Hot Springs in 10 years. . . . Bob Sikes will open a service station in Pine Bluff, Second and State Sts. Bob invites all his friends down for a "slug" of gas and "knockout" wash and lub. jobs.

Pine Bluff—Hooking his bigger opponent down twice in the third round, the second time for keeps, Sikes needed only to warm up before knocking out Johnny Miles, St. Louis heavy. The fast semi-final nearly stole the show. Jack Byrd, Blytheville, middleweight, was the winner, slugging out a six-round decision over Don Marshall of Bauxite. Byrd used a darting left jab to keep Marshall away. The final two rounds were corkers, with the two boys giving and taking everything in the books.

Blytheville—Jimmy Lunsford, Blytheville heavyweight, continued his winning streak by knocking out De Witt Louis, 194-pounder from Chattanooga, Tenn., in the second round. Lewis was on the floor three times in the first and was down twice in the second before Lunsford whipped a left hook to the body that finished the Tennesseean. It was Lunsford's 11th knockout in winning 19 out of 20 fights.

A. J. Caraway of Blytheville decisioned Joe McAdams of Savannah, Tenn. Henry James of Blytheville and Joe Daniels fought a draw. Harold Gooch of Savannah won by a technical knockout over Mutt Wright of Blytheville, and J. Hall won over Johnny Markle.

Charles Pranter won a decision over Jack Hillhouse at Hot Springs. Billy Petrolle, known a decade ago as the "Fargo Express," was introduced to the crowd. . . . Chino Alvarez of Tampa, Fla., get in touch with yours truly at 1003 E. Magrill St., Longview, Texas. . . . Bob Copocy, 1101 So. Winchester, Chicago, Ill., has a good prospect in Harry Sabotnik, heavyweight. Sabotnik holds a kayo over Babe Ritchie, Texas heavyweight champion.

Memphis, Tenn.—Bob Sikes was "winnah and still champion" after thoroughly and savagely punishing Neville Beech, rugged Mississippi puncher, in 10 furious rounds to successfully defend his Southern heavyweight championship before a large crowd of 6,000. The decision of Referee Benny Leonard was just a matter of form. Sikes had won at least the final eight rounds.

In the semi-final bout Pat Comiskey of Paterson, N. J., floored Max Minnich of Cleveland, Ohio, with hard lefts to win a technical knockout in the third round.

In another scheduled 10-rounder, Jack Marshall, Dallas, Texas, stopped Spike Franks of Detroit, Mich., in the third. Marshall weighed 185, Franks 188.

Thanks to Mr. Harry Young, sports editor for the Pine Bluff *Commercial*, in helping me pick the ratings for Arkansas.

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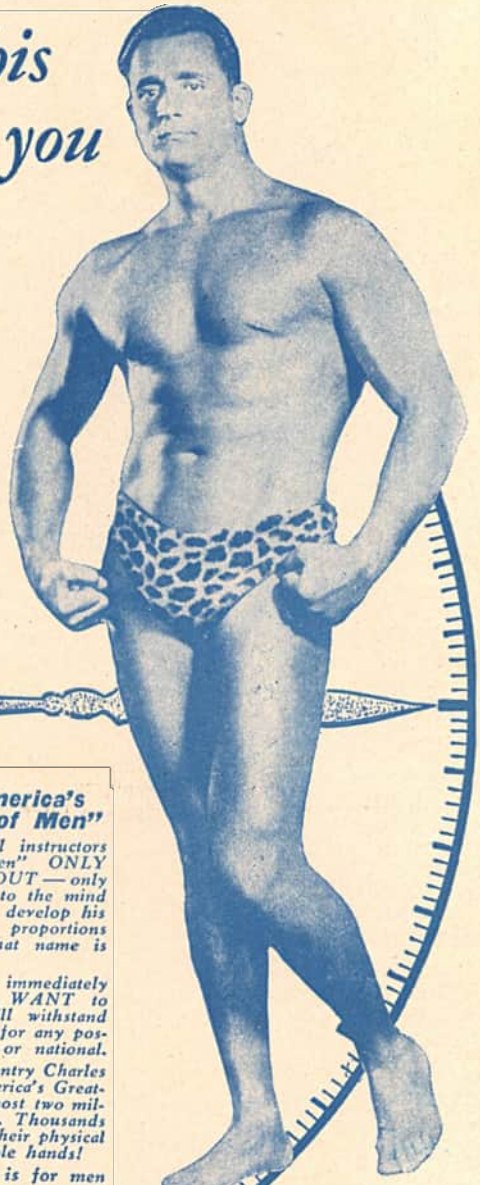

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